



# **NORTHCROFT ROAD PROPOSED FOOTWAY LINKS**

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## **Key Issue**

An investigation into the provision of two new sections of footway on the D3121 Northcroft Road near Englefield Green.

## **Summary**

The report details a feasibility study into the provision of new footway linkages on the D3121 Northcroft Road between Barley Mow Road and The Coach House and between Northcroft Villas and Schroder Court, Englefield Green.

## 1.0 NORTHCROFT ROAD PROPOSED FOOTWAY LINKS

### 1.0 Introduction

1.1 A feasibility study into the provision of new footway linkages on the D3121 Northcroft Road between Barley Mow Road and The Coach House and between Northcroft Villas and Schroder Court has been completed.

### 1.2 Background

1.3 The D3121 Northcroft Road connects Barley Mow Road and Bond Street in Englefield Green and is shown on the plan in Annex ?. Northcroft Road is a bus route and provides access to a largely residential area. There is footway provision along most of Northcroft Road however, there are a number of sections where there is no footway and pedestrians are forced to walk on the carriageway.

1.4 The route is currently used by number of parents and children accessing Englefield Green County Infant School on Barley Mow Road. There are a total of 200 pupils attending the school. The school has been included in the consultation.

1.5 The section of missing footway link between Barley Mow Road and The Coach House forces pedestrians into the centre of the road on a 90 degree bend with poor forward visibility. Although there are no records of any injury accidents in this location **photo 1 in Annex 1** illustrates the danger to pedestrians traversing this section.

1.6 The provision of the missing footway linkage along Northcroft Road will enhance the accessibility and safety of the route in line with Surrey County Council's objectives in the local transport plan

## 2.0 Feasibility

### 2.1 *Location 1: Barley Mow Road to The Coach House. (Plan in Annex 2)*

The existing carriageway width is 5.7m at the narrowest point. The southern side of the carriageway is bounded directly by the frontages of private property. There is a small green on the northern side of the carriageway. This land is owned by The Crown Estate but is managed by Runnymede Borough Council through the Englefield Green Residents Association. There are a number of vehicle accesses along the frontage to the private properties.

2.2 The current proposal is to provide a 1.8m wide footway on the southern section of Northcroft Road. The carriageway is to be widened into the existing green. It is proposed that a minimum width of 6m is provided. Dropped kerbs will be provided at all the existing vehicle accesses.

2.3 Details of utility services in the area have been requested so that any diversions required can be accurately costed.

### 2.4 *Location 2: Northcroft Villas to Schroder Court. (Plan in Annex 3)*

The western section of the existing footway stops outside No 88 Northcroft Road and then commences again on the return into Northcroft Villas. The missing section is 30m long. There is a 1.5m strip of highway land beyond the existing edge of carriageway markings.

- 2.5 It is proposed therefore to provide a 30m section of footway, 1.5m wide, to link the existing pavements. Dropped crossing points will be provided to the existing accesses into Numbers 38 and 40 Northcroft Road.

### 3.0 Consultation

- 3.1 The following groups have been consulted:

- The residents on Northcroft Road directly fronting the proposed footway (8 properties in total including a public house)
- Englefield Green Residents Group
- Runnymede Borough Council
- Local Member, Susan Bruce
- Englefield Green County Infant School
- Surrey Police

The results of this consultation are not complete at the time of writing this report. Feedback on the results of the consultation will be reported verbally at the Committee meeting.

### 4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The scheme would be funded from the Local Transportation Plan delegated budget for 2005/2006 at an estimated cost of £25,000. This figure includes a provision of £8,000 for utility diversions. This is provisional at present. A trial hole at the detailed design stage will identify the extents of diversion works.

### Officer Recommendations

The Committee is asked to agree:

- a). **to the continuation through to detailed design and construction of the two footway links along Northcroft Road, in consultation with the Local Member.**

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