



**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL  
COMMITTEE**

**SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS:  
PROPOSED NEW ZEBRA CROSSING  
IN WOODHAM LANE**

**30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2005**

**Key Issue**

En-route between Fullbrook School and The Broadway, in Woodham and New Haw, there is an uncontrolled crossing over a speed table. At such crossings road users are not always certain who has priority. This uncertainty could be removed by installation of a new Zebra Crossing at this location.

**Summary**

A new Zebra Crossing is proposed for crossing Woodham Lane near Farleigh Road. The new Zebra Crossing would connect Fullbrook School to The Broadway and the residential district to the North of Woodham Lane. It would also lie on the desire line between Fullbrook School and the new location for an East bound bus stop.

A new Zebra Crossing would enhance pedestrian accessibility across Woodham Lane for school children and local residents alike.

The cost of a new Zebra Crossing in this location is estimated to be approximately **£15,000**. This includes the cost of significant street lighting improvements at the junction of Woodham Lane and Farleigh Road.

**Officer Recommendations**

The Committee is asked to agree:

- a) **that the detailed design for the proposed new Zebra Crossing be progressed for construction in 2006/07;**
- b) **that the Public Notice for the proposed new Zebra Crossing be advertised.**

## 1.1 The Safe Routes to Schools Programme

- 1.1 Nationally, the proportion of cars on the school run has almost doubled in the last 20 years; in urban areas in term time the school run accounts for nearly 1 in 5 cars on the road at 08:50. In Surrey in 2003 50% of children were driven to school, while 31% walked or cycled. This pattern of behaviour has brought about not only greater congestion around the school gate but also contributed to health problems such as childhood obesity, and heart disease in later life.
- 1.2 The aims of the Safe Routes to Schools (SRS) Programme are to help those who already walk and cycle to school, to reduce the reliance on car use, and to reduce accidents and the fear of accidents.

## 2.0 Proposed improvements

- 2.1 The uncontrolled crossing at the speed table pictured opposite is on the desire line between Fullbrook School and The Broadway. It is also on the desire line between Farleigh Road and the new location for the Farleigh Road Bus Stop.



- 2.2 At uncontrolled crossings vehicles have priority over pedestrians. A pedestrian should wait for a gap in the traffic and then cross. An uncontrolled crossing on a speed table has the advantage that traffic is slowed at the crossing. However road users do not always understand who has priority at such crossings. A dangerous situation can occur where a pedestrian assumes they have priority, but motorists do not give way.
- 2.3 The existing uncontrolled crossing could be upgraded to a Zebra Crossing. This would clarify who has priority at this crossing. At the same time hard-standing could be provided for the new location of the Farleigh Road Bus Stop, and significant street lighting improvements implemented at the crossing and at the junction of Woodham Lane and Farleigh Road.

## 4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The estimated cost of these improvements is **£15,000**, which includes the cost of advertising the Public Notice relating to the new Zebra Crossing.
- 4.2 This scheme will be funded from the LTP budget 2006/07.

#### **4.0 Conclusion**

- 4.1 It is proposed that the scheme be progressed to detailed design and construction in consultation with the Local Member and Borough Councillors for Woodham and New Haw, local residents, Emergency Services, Local Schools and the Runnymede Access Liaison Group.
- 4.2 A Public Notice is required before the Zebra Crossing can be constructed – this should be drafted and advertised once the layout of the new crossing is finalised.
- 4.3 At the meeting of Surrey County Council's Local Committee for Runnymede of 19<sup>th</sup> July 2005, it was resolved to give greater priority in the minor improvements programme to a new Zebra Crossing on Woodham Lane than to the New Haw to Byfleet and New Haw cycleway. Therefore it is proposed to progress the new Zebra Crossing on Woodham Lane, as described in this report, for construction in 2006/07.

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