



**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL  
COMMITTEE**

**UPDATE OF LOCAL TRANSPORTATION  
PROGRAMME AND MEMBERS' TOUR**

**22 SEPTEMBER 2006**

**KEY ISSUE**

To update the committee on the planned minor improvements programme and the results of the 2006 Members' tour.

**SUMMARY**

The regular transportation update is included within **Annex 1**. This has been revised to include those schemes approved at the tour and as detailed in this report.

**ELECTORAL DIVISION AND MEMBER**

All divisions

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

- a) **That the Committee notes and approves the rolling feasibility, design and construction programme, and funding arrangements, as contained in the report and annex 1.**

## 1. Background

- 1.1 Since the formation of the Local Committee there has been a regular item updating Members on the minor improvements programme within Runnymede. Over the years a number of reports have been presented to this committee and formed the basis for the forward programme.
- 1.3 The Members' tour considered eight sites, with five recommended by Members for inclusion in the forward programme. The programme contained in **Annex 1** reflects this.

## 2. Financial update

- 2.1 There has not been any alteration to the available capital budgets for minor improvements since details were reported to Members at the June 2006 committee. To re-cap, this is £326,977 of Local Transport Plan funding, and £129,682 of Local Allocation. These budgets are supplemented by other funding streams as appropriate. Bids will continue to be made for any additional central funds as opportunities present themselves.

## 3. Members' tour

- 3.1 The annual members' tour was held on the morning of 6 June 2006. In advance of this event, Members were asked if they had sites, which they would like investigated. This, and comments received throughout the year formed the basis of the options presented to Members. Menu cards detailing the merits of the proposals were prepared and distributed in advance. These are still available, on request, from the West Area Transportation Team.

### ***Green Lane Controlled Pedestrian Crossing, Addlestone***

It was agreed to add this to the forward programme for a feasibility study and potential construction. Members made a request during the tour for consideration to be given to locating the crossing nearer to 47/49 Green Lane (the shopping core) as this is the key pedestrian desire line.

### ***Brox Road junction with Slade Road remodelling, Ottershaw***

After careful site observations it was agreed to add this to the forward programme for crossing improvements on Slade Road. Due to the lack of available space and excellent accident record, it was recommended that any improvements should be small scale.

### ***Bittams Lane traffic management, Chertsey***

The proposal to close Bittams Lane (whilst enabling access from either side of the closure) was rejected and this scheme will not be pursued. The Divisional

Member requested that the transportation team continue to work closely with the Police and that the road's inclusion within the "Speed Poster" campaign remains.

***Coldharbour Lane Pedestrian Crossing, Thorpe***

The proposal to install a controlled crossing on the existing speed table by TESIS school was rejected. The site does not have any injury accidents, relatively low speeds (due to existing traffic calming) and previous site observations indicated that crossing the road is not problematic. A formal letter has been sent to TESIS school asking whether a crossing is something which they feel is necessary.

***Bakeham Lane and Callow Hill Speed Management, Virginia Water / Englefield Green***

It was agreed to add this to the programme for a future feasibility study. After discussions on site, a request has been made to the Royal Mail to relocate their letter box from the eastern side to the western side of the carriageway (by the lower entrance to Simon's Walk). This will make it easier to access from the existing footway. The site has previously benefited from improvements through the "Accident Working Group" forum, and last year two Vehicle Activated Signs (VASs) were erected on Callow Hill, along with extensive sections of high friction anti-skid surfacing.

***Cricketers' Lane speed limit review, Englefield Green***

It was agreed to add this to the programme for a speed survey and a formal assessment of the speed limit following this survey.

***Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ), Egham and Englefield Green***

It was agreed that due to the very large scale of a project such as this and undoubtedly strong but varied public opinion coupled with considerable existing commitments it would not be added to the forward programme. However, the tour concluded that it should be considered again next year.

***Pooley Green Accident Reduction, Pooley Green***

Members agreed to add this to the forward programme for a feasibility study. Subject to the outcome of the study, engineering measures maybe introduced.

**3.0 Scheme delivery / alterations to the previous reported programme**

- 3.1 Since the June Committee, the zebra crossing and associated improvements have been constructed on Brox Road. Other previously reported schemes are in design and are programmed to be constructed later this financial year. The

Chairman and Divisional Member will be advised of construction dates when they are available.

3.2 The transportation update has been revised to include schemes approved at the Members' Tour. As both the Brox Road / Slade Road pedestrian improvements and the Cricketers Lane speed limit review are relatively minor schemes, they have been shown within existing budgetary provision as detailed for 2007/08. The remainder have been added to the forward programme. This will continue to be reviewed in accordance with Members' priorities.

3.3 *Hummer Road to Windsor Road cycleway*

This is subject to Item 9 on the agenda for today's meeting. The programme has been amended to incorporate the recommendations from this report; a reduction in scheme size and corresponding value down to £25,000. Following discussion with the Chairman, this has enabled the Pycroft Road junction review to be brought forward by one year.

3.4 *Green Lane to Eastworth Road cycleway*

Discussions have been held with Sustrans (cycling charity) about the Eastworth Road to Green Lane cycleway. This was constructed several years ago, although there remains a problem with the Network Rail footbridge that forms part of this route. Unfortunately Network Rail and SCC have not been able to come to an agreement over liability issues associated with the installation of a cycle channel. Sustrans have installed such features on other Network Rail structures across the country and have agreed to progress this matter on behalf of SCC.

3.5 *Windsor Road pedestrian refuge island*

One of the original promoters of this scheme was the National Trust. Unfortunately, complications have been encountered with land issues. To implement the scheme, land is needed from the National Trust. Their legal department is pursuing this, although feedback so far is not positive. The scheme is shown for construction next year. This Committee will be advised on progress at its next meeting.

**5. Conclusion**

5.1 There is an agreed full programme for improvement works in the Runnymede area. The approved schemes are consistent with Surrey County Council's LTP objectives.

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