

REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)
WINDSOR STREET, CHERTSEY
PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING
6 JUNE 2008

KEY ISSUE

This report recommends providing a zebra crossing on Windsor Street Road.

ELECTORAL DIVISION AND MEMBER

Chertsey – Mr Ray Lowther

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Runnymede) is asked to agree that:

- a) the proposals for upgrading the existing pedestrian refuge into a zebra crossing and a kerb build out as detailed on drawing ref 3779-01 be approved for construction in 2009/10, subject to budgetary provision.
- b) the Local Highway Manager be authorised to advertise the necessary legal notice for the introduction of a zebra crossing, and with the Chairman and Divisional Member consider any comments received in response to the notice.

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1 Consideration was given at the 2005 Members' tour for improving the crossing on Windsor Street, near its junction with Guildford Street, and general road safety. A feasibility study has now been completed.
- 1.2 Windsor Street links Staines Road to Chertsey avoiding Chilsey Green Road. The road is subject to a 30mph speed limit.
- 1.3 There are commercial and residential properties and also there are some shops on Windsor Street.
- 1.4 Windsor Street has a bus route and there is a bus stop at the north-west end of St Peter's Church on the north side of the road.
- 1.5 A high number of pedestrians cross the road, using the existing pedestrian refuge, throughout the day.
- 1.6 There are parking bays on both sides of the road in the vicinity of the existing pedestrian refuge.

2. Analysis

- 2.1 Speed surveys were carried out in March 2008. These indicated that the average weekday traffic flow (outside of the school term) is in excess of 7000 vehicles. The mean speed was recorded as 23mph westbound, and 22mph eastbound.
- 2.2 Pedestrian counts were carried out on 11 March 2007, during school term time. A total of 1419 people crossed the road within 50 metres of the existing pedestrian refuge opposite the church. Approximately 72% used the existing pedestrian refuge to cross the road.
- 2.3 From 1 January 2004 to 31 December 2007 there was one personal injury collision within 125 metres of the existing pedestrian refuge.
- 2.4 Windsor Street has a bus route and there is a bus stop situated west of the pedestrian refuge.
- 2.5 The introduction of a zebra crossing to replace the existing pedestrian refuge island opposite the church and a kerb build out on the north side of Windsor Street with associated markings will improve crossing facilities for all.
- 2.6 Installing a zebra crossing would benefit the pedestrians since they establish precedence by stepping onto the crossing.

3. The proposals

- 3.1 The feasibility study provides details of the issues considered.
- 3.2 The proposed solution is to construct a zebra crossing at the location of the existing pedestrian refuge opposite the church and a kerb build out on Windsor Street. A zebra crossing would require minimal alteration to the existing infrastructure and would introduce the least additional street furniture in an already a busy environment. This is detailed on drawing 3779-01, **appendix 1**.

4. Consultation

- 4.1 The Divisional Member and Chairman have been provided with a copy of the feasibility report. Copies are available to other Members and the public upon request.

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- 4.2 Surrey Police have been consulted and they fully support the proposal for upgrading the existing pedestrian refuge into a zebra crossing.
- 4.3 If this Committee approves the scheme, local residents and interested parties will be advised and provided with scheme details.

5. Value for money and financial implications

- 5.1 The estimated cost for this scheme is approximately £30,000.
- 5.2 The scheme will be designed and constructed by the County Council's partner constructor, Ringway.

6. Equality and diversity implications

- 6.1 None

7. Crime and disorder implications

- 7.1 None

8. Conclusion and recommendations

- 8.1 Upgrading the existing pedestrian refuge into a zebra crossing would provide safer crossing for pedestrians during the day or at night.
- 8.2 It is recommend that the Committee approve construction, and for the necessary legal processes to be completed.

9. Reasons for recommendations

- 9.1 These measure will improve crossing facilities. The proposals are consistent with the objectives of the Local Transport Plan.

10. What happens next

- 10.1 The scheme is in the forward programme for construction in 2009/10. At that time a public notice will be prepared and advertised advising of our intention to install a new zebra pedestrian crossing. Local residents will be advised.
- 10.2 The scheme will be passed to Ringway for detailed design and construction.

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