



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(RUNNYMEDE)**

AN UPDATE ON THE OLYMPIC ROUTE NETWORK IN SURREY

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KEY ISSUE

To assist with the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012, a section of the A30 between the A328 St Judes Road and the M25 Junction 13 was designated as part of the Olympic Route Network (ORN) in 2009, and will be implemented next year. An Engagement Officer has been appointed to the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) to begin sharing information as it becomes available to the residents, businesses and other stakeholders.

SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the ORN works progressed by the Olympic Delivery Authority or Surrey County Council on their behalf on delivering the ORN scheme; obligations on both parties have been identified in a Service Level Agreement and a Delivery Plan will form part of this agreement. It also outlines the role of the Engagement Officer.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

This report is for information only.

The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Games of the XXX Olympiad will be held mainly in London in 2012. The Olympic Games is the biggest sporting event in the world, with over 8.8 million tickets, 10,500 athletes from over 200 countries competing in 26 different sporting events. The Paralympic Games with over 2 millions tickets, 4,000 athletes from around 150 countries in 20 different sporting events.
- 1.2 The athletes competing in both the Olympic and Paralympic Games in the Rowing and Olympic Canoe Sprint events will be staying at the Surrey venue of the Royal Holloway College, University of London (RHUL). The athletes will travel between the RHUL accommodation venue and Eton Dorney where they will compete and train.
- 1.3 In total approximately 1350 athletes and officials will be staying at RHUL.
- 1.4 Surrey has 20 Olympic and 5 Paralympic accredited pre-Games training and preparation camps. Surrey can now add to this impressive list by having the Rowing and Canoe Sprint Olympic Athletes staying within Surrey at RHUL.
- 1.5 Surrey's businesses also stand to gain from the Olympic Games. At the beginning of this year a total of 164 businesses had struck deals worth over £740 million with regard to the Olympic and Paralympic Games, which is about 90% of all deals across the South East.
- 1.6 The Committee will be aware that the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) reported to the Committee back in February 2011 outlining the scope of the works to deliver the Olympic Route Network.
- 1.7 The Olympic Route Network (ORN) programme consists of a number of different, but connected, projects that will collectively assist with journey times for the Games Family.
- 1.8 The Games Family is the term used to describe all the people who play a part in making the Olympics and Paralympics Games happen, including the competitors themselves. They will receive official accreditation during the Games.
- 1.9 The objective of the ORN Programme is to enable safe, secure and efficient transportation of the Games Family between venues and accommodation whilst minimising the impact of the Games on residents, businesses and visitors to London and the rest of the UK. The London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Act 2006 set up the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA), and granted it powers to deliver obligations for the Games, including the relevant transport needs.
- 1.10 The ODA has the statutory powers to implement schemes to facilitate the movement of the Olympic and Paralympic Games Family.
- 1.11 Within Surrey the RHUL will be an accommodation venue for the Rowing and Canoe Sprint community. Therefore the ODA will be implementing a scheme on Surrey's highway network, which will be part of the ORN. This will be on the A30 from the junction with the A328 St Judes Road to Junction 13 of the M25 (including the Runnymede roundabout).

2 ANALYSIS

2.1 Features Of The ORN

2.2 The main feature of the ORN is:

- A Games Lane for official vehicles only in each direction on the dual carriageway between Egham Hill roundabout and Runnymede roundabout. The operation of the Games Lane is anticipated to be 0600-1800 daily, but is subject to change.

2.3 Other features of the ORN include:

- Installation of temporary lights at the entrance to Royal Holloway, University of London (opposite Sutherland House)
- The closure of the circulatory carriageway on the eastern section of Runnymede roundabout necessitating, amongst other things, traffic entering the roundabout from the A308 wishing to go to Egham using A308 The Glanty/The Causeway roundabout to u-turn;
- Revised road markings on the A308 The Glanty to accommodate an extra lane of traffic;
- Adjusting the traffic signal timings of The Avenue junction with the Runnymede roundabout, which includes reducing the amount of green light time given to traffic entering from The Avenue.

See **Annex 1** for drawing illustrating the proposals.

2.4 The detailed design for the alterations to the road works is in the final stages of design.

2.5 The detailed design for the signals work is still on-going. The majority of the highway design has been completed. The design of how the signals will operate is still on-going.

2.6 Timetable Of Works

DATE	WORKS
1 May 2012	Construction begins
1 June 2012	Main Construction Complete
End of June	Possible Signal Installations
1 June – 14 Sept	Embargo on highway works along the ORN
1 July – 9 Sept	Embargo on highway work along the Alternative ORN
16 July	ORN Becomes Operational
28 July – 11 Aug	Olympic Events held at Eton Dorney
31 Aug – 2 Aug	Paralympic Events held at Eton Dorney
14 Sept 2012	Enforcement of ORN Ends
14 Sept – 31 Dec 2012	Remove Scheme – Return road network to normal.

2.7 Alternative ORN

2.8 There is an alternative ORN route that travels from the RHUL up the A328, St Judes Road onto Priest Hill and then into the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead.

This route will only be used if the main route is unavailable, if an incident has occurred on the M25 for example (see **Annex 1**). There are no plans to make any amendments on this section of the ORN.

2.9 Test Event 2011

- 2.10 Between the 4 and 11 August the World Rowing Junior Championships (WRJC) took place at Eton Dorney with the athletes staying at RHUL.
- 2.11 Testing of various elements of the highway network in different locations between RHUL and Eton Dorney took place during the summer of 2011. In Surrey, this consisted of the following:
- 28 – 31 July – Traffic Surveys were carried out to provide baseline data.
 - 31 July – 7 Aug – Bus Test Operations were carried out between Eton Dorney and the RHUL.
 - 11 to 14 August 2011 – Local traffic surveys & advance warning signs present (with ORN staff monitoring and recording traffic). A lane closure on the A30 and signal timing changes at the Runnymede roundabout.
 - 30 July - 7 August 2011 – temporary four way traffic lights installed at the temporary athlete-only entrance to Royal Holloway, University of London.
- 2.12 The purpose of the testing was to provide the ODA, delivery partners and key stakeholders with some confidence and assurance that the ORN will operate satisfactorily, and achieve its objective. It is too early to provide any feedback on the testing. The data is currently being analysed by the ODA. To date SCC have had no negative feedback on the testing event itself, which appeared to pass without any incident.

2.13 Local Engagement

- 2.14 Edward Josey, an existing employee of SCC is the new Engagement Officer, appointed to the ODA, responsible for the Runnymede section of the ORN. At present, this role is part time, becoming full time from the beginning of February 2011. The role of the Engagement Officer is to manage the sharing of information relating to the ORN to the local community through the delivery of an Engagement Plan.
- 2.15 An email address is currently being set up for stakeholders to contact should they wish to find out more about the ORN.
- 2.16 Over the coming weeks and months the Engagement Officer will be making contact with individuals, residents associations, businesses, interested parties, schools, emergency services, and other stakeholders to keep them apprised of the ORN and to update them as new information becomes available.
- 2.17 There is a website regarding the ORN on the ODA website. The web address is: <http://www.london2012.com/orn> It provides some useful background information. As part of the engagement process further information specific to the ORN in Surrey will be available on the SCC and Go Surrey websites in addition to the ODA website.

3 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 Both the Cabinet Member for Transport and the Olympic Member Project Board have previously been informed about the ORN. This paper is to give the Local Committee (Runnymede) an update on the ORN project.
- 3.2 The ODA has already carried out some consultation with the local community in February of this year when amongst other activities local drop in sessions were held for the public.
- 3.3 Following this Local Committee meeting, the Engagement Officer will in the coming weeks and months be undertaking a series of public engagement exercises. This programme has yet to be established, but will be developed and include activities such as identifying stakeholders, local representative groups, organisations whose operations might be affected, and local businesses and residents whose frontages might be affected.

4 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The ODA are funding the role of the Engagement Officer, as agreed through a Service Level Agreement with Surrey County Council.

5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Officers have worked closely with the ODA by commenting upon the proposed design of the scheme to ensure the impact of the scheme is minimised, but there is the potential for some disruption to traffic during the period that the ORN will be in operation.
- 5.2 In order to help mitigate any potential impact, it is important that local residents and businesses and through traffic are made fully aware of the scheme to allow them to plan for any disruption. The Engagement Officer will manage the dissemination of information to the various stakeholders, and nearer the time further information will be made available.

6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no crime and disorder implications associated with this report.

7 CONCLUSION

- 7.1 The ODA has the statutory powers to implement schemes to facilitate the movement of the Olympic and Paralympic Games Family. This is underpinned by the contractual arrangement between the government and the IOC to provide minimum journey times. Due to the Royal Holloway, University of London being an accommodation venue for the Games Family, the ODA will be implementing a scheme (installed by SCC) on the A30 as part of the Olympic Route Network.
- 7.2 Surrey officers are working closely with the ODA to ensure any disruption is minimised, and an Engagement Officer has been appointed to work directly with the

ODA to manage the sharing of information relating to the ORN with the local community and stakeholders.

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