



**SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN
SPELTHORNE**

**CHERTSEY BRIDGE TO FERRY
POINT, SHEPPERTON
PHASES 2 & 3**

PROPOSED CYCLE ROUTE

20 FEBRUARY 2006

KEY ISSUE:

To approve the introduction of a cycle route between Chertsey Bridge and Ferry Lane, Shepperton.

SUMMARY:

Phase 1 of the Chertsey Bridge to Ferry Point cycle route was implemented during 2005/6 and this report proposes Phases 2 & 3 of the route by linking the shared cycle route along Ferry Lane to Chertsey Bridge with a cycle route along Chertsey Bridge Road and Chertsey Road, to reduce the potential for cycle conflict with vehicles.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to agree that:

- (i) the cycle route shown at Annex A is approved for construction; and**
- (ii) the works are funded from the Local Transport Plan budget over 2 years at a cost of approximately £110,000 for 2006/7 and £120,000 for 2007/8.**

1 INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Ferry Lane, Chertsey Road and Chertsey Bridge Road form part of the Thames Valley Cycle Route (4) which links London to Oxford and crosses the River Thames by means of the pedestrian ferry near Shepperton Lock. Ferry Lane, Chertsey Road and Chertsey Bridge Road are an integral part of this 97 mile route and the LTS for Spelthorne have provided signs for the route along these roads.
- 1.2 Phase 1 of the scheme provided a shared footway which was introduced along Ferry Lane during the current financial year. The proposals will form phases 2 & 3 and are programmed within the Local Transport Plan Forward Programme to be introduced during 2006/7 and 2007/8.

2 ANALYSIS and COMMENTARY

- 2.1 During the three-year period between 2002 and 2004 there were no reported personal injury accidents along this route involving cyclists. However the present situation gives a considerable amount of perceived danger for cyclists.
- 2.2 The introduction of a signed on-carriageway cycle route and a protected crossing facility along Chertsey Bridge Road together with a shared cycle route along Chertsey Road will provide better facilities and increase drivers' awareness of cyclists.
- 2.3 The introduction of a cycle route will promote the use of an alternative mode of transport that will aim to reduce the number of journeys made by the motorcar and encourage cycling.
- 2.4 Site observations show high cycle usage throughout the year that increases during the summer months. It is anticipated that the provision of a segregated footway/cycle track will increase this use further, and complete a 'missing link' in the Thames Valley Cycle Route (4).

- 2.5 The scheme comprises footway widening to provide an off carriageway shared use pedestrian / cycle route along the northern side of Chertsey Road. Along Chertsey Bridge Road the scheme provides defined cycle lanes by means of coloured surfacing and white lining within the carriageway together with a crossing facility as shown at **Annex A**. Construction details will be finalised with our constructor.

3 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 A public consultation leaflet together with a plan showing the proposals was delivered to residents along Chertsey Bridge Road and Chertsey Road on 10 January 2006 and sent to County Council and Borough Council Members. No objection to the proposals has been received.
- 3.2 A letter of support for the scheme has been received from Surrey Police Service.
- 3.3 The proposals were presented to Spelthorne Cycle Forum on 9 January 2006 when members supported the scheme as a whole.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 It is proposed to introduce the cycle route along Chertsey Bridge Road as Phase 2 of these proposals at an estimated cost of £110,000. This includes design and supervision fees and has been allocated from the Local Transport Plan budget for the 2006/07 financial year.
- 4.2 Phase 3 of the scheme is proposed to be introduced along Chertsey Road at an estimated cost of £120,000. This includes design and supervision fees and has been allocated from the Local Transport Plan budget for the 2007/08 financial year.

5 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This proposal will encourage the use of cycling as an alternative mode of transport to the private car, which is a clear objective within Surrey's Local Transport Plan. It will also provide an improved link in the Thames Valley Cycle Route (4).

6 CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no implications.

7 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no implications.

8 CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 The provision of a designated cycle route along Chertsey Bridge Road and Chertsey Road will address concerns raised by users of this route.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: There is none