



SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN SPELTHORNE

FELTHAM HILL ROAD, ASHFORD PETITION – REQUEST FOR ZEBRA CROSSING

25 SEPTEMBER 2006

KEY ISSUE AND SUMMARY:

The petition, signed by 166 residents, requests that a zebra crossing is installed along Feltham Hill Road near Park Road, Ashford to enable children to cross safely to Echelford School.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to agree that:

- (i) the petition is noted; and
- (ii) a scheme should be reconsidered and any future proposal would include consultation with local residents.

1 INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A Safe Route to Schools audit of Ashford schools was carried out in 2003. This resulted in a proposal to introduce a zebra crossing on Feltham Hill Road near Park Road which was supported by Surrey Police, Surrey County Council's Road Safety Officer and the head teacher and governors of nearby Echelford School.

2 ANALYSIS and COMMENTARY

- 2.1 A report was presented to this Committee on 20 February 2006 asking the Committee to note three petitions against the proposed zebra crossing and the associated relocation of a bus stop. Following further representations from local residents, the Local Transportation Manager confirmed that the scheme to introduce a zebra crossing on Feltham Hill Road approximately 20 metres west of Park Road and to relocate a bus stop to outside 183/185 Feltham Hill Road had been withdrawn from the construction programme.
- 2.2 After the Committee meeting on 20 February 2006, Echelford School organised a petition supporting the introduction of the zebra crossing. The petition, which is dated June 2006, was signed by 126 residents with an Ashford address and a further 40 from outside of Ashford. The Committee is asked to note this petition.

3 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 In December 2005 residents adjacent to the proposed zebra crossing were informed by letter of the proposal and it was also advertised by Public Notice.
- 3.2 It is proposed that the provision of a pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of Park Road is reconsidered and that any future proposal will include consultation with local residents, amongst others, to enable both positive and negative feedback to be assessed.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The cost to reconsider the existing proposal and carry out consultation is estimated to be £4,000 and could be funded from the Local Allocation.

5 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The provision of a zebra crossing would support walking, particularly to school.

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 In 2003 a Safe Routes to Schools audit identified the need for a pedestrian crossing on Feltham Hill Road. However this has met with opposition from some local residents. It is intended to reconsider the scheme and consult fully with all those affected by the proposal.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Petition dated June 2006 organised by Echelford School, Ashford.