



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

**D6263 CHARLTON LANE, SHEPPERTON
PROPOSED GATING OF PUBLIC HIGHWAY
10 DECEMBER 2007**

KEY ISSUE & SUMMARY

To consider the installation of a gate across part of Charlton Lane, Shepperton to help prevent the illegal tipping of waste.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- (i) a lockable gate across a cul-de-sac section of Charlton Lane, Shepperton as shown in Annex A be approved:
- (ii) authority is given to promote a traffic regulation order to enable the introduction of a new lockable gate and to make enforceable an existing gate in Charlton Lane as shown on Annex A;
- (iii) any objection to the order is determined by the Local Highways Manager in consultation with the Chairman, the Electoral Division Member and the Leader of the Borough Council; and
- (iv) half of the overall cost of £4,000 is funded from the 2008/09 Local Allocation.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 When the M3 was constructed in the 1970s the section of Charlton Lane either side of the motorway was stopped up and a new road constructed in its place. On the east side of the motorway adjacent to the waste transfer station part of the original Charlton Lane has been retained in the form of two culs-de-sac which are still public highway.
- 1.2 Illegal tipping of waste has taken place in both culs-de-sac. To counter this, a gate has been erected at the entrance to the western cul-de-sac; this report considers the introduction of a gate at the entrance to the eastern cul-de-sac.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 A request has been received from Spelthorne Borough Council, who manage the waste transfer station, to install a barrier at the entrance to the eastern cul-de-sac in order to prevent illegal tipping of waste along its length. Officers from the Borough Council have stated that they regularly clear waste from this length of highway and recently took two days to remove a build up of material. In the past there have been occasions when the waste has deliberately been set on fire which has resulted in the Fire and Rescue Service being called out.
- 2.2 The western cul-de-sac provides access to a Sea Cadet building. The Sea Cadets have installed a lockable gate at the entrance to the cul-de-sac since when there has been a marked decrease in illegal tipping. There is no evidence that a traffic regulation order was made at the time.

3 OPTIONS

- 3.1 Options such as a width restriction or a height restriction would not prevent illegal tipping. However a locked gate would reduce the tipping as has been demonstrated by the introduction of the gate at the entrance to the western cul-de-sac.
- 3.2 The proposed location of the new lockable gate is shown in Annex A.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 A Spelthorne Borough Council officer involved in the running of the waste transfer station has suggested the installation of a lockable gate would help prevent the illegal tipping of waste. The cul-de-sac provides access to one property, Ivydene Cottage, and a field; both the occupier of Ivydene Cottage and the farmer have indicated their support for a lockable gate.

- 4.2 As no change is proposed to the gating arrangements in the entrance of western cul-de-sac there has not been any initial consultation with the Sea Cadets. There is no other occupier who gains access by this route.
- 4.3 Any objection to the order would be determined by the Local Highways Manager in consultation with the Chairman, the Electoral Division Member and the Leader of the Borough Council.

5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Spelthorne Borough Council has offered to fund 50% of the cost that would be incurred.
- 5.2 The estimated cost of installing the new gate at the entrance to the eastern cul-de-sac is £4,000 which includes the cost of advertising the traffic regulation order. It is proposed that the County Council's contribution of £2,000 would be funded from the Local Allocation.
- 5.3 The County Council would benefit from reduced demands upon its Fire and Rescue Service. Spelthorne Borough Council would benefit as there would be reduced costs clearing illegally tipped waste.

6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no implications arising from this report.

7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The illegal tipping of waste is both a crime and an antisocial activity that would be less likely to occur following the installation of a gate.

8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The tipping of waste in the Charlton Lane cul-de-sac is an illegal activity and a constant financial imposition upon Spelthorne Borough Council who regularly have to clear the cul-de-sac of waste. It is therefore recommended that a gate at the entrance to the cul-de-sac is installed.

9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The gate would help prevent the illegal tipping of waste in Charlton Lane.

10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

10.1 The traffic regulation order would be advertised by public notice and all necessary consultations carried out.

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