



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

**C248 KINGSTON ROAD / C240 WOODTHORPE ROAD,
ASHFORD**

PROPOSED CONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN PHASES

30 JUNE 2008

KEY ISSUE & SUMMARY

To consider the introduction of controlled pedestrian phases at the existing traffic signal controlled junction between C248 Kingston Road and C240 Woodthorpe Road, Ashford.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- (i) the proposed controlled pedestrian phases at the junction of C248 Kingston Road and C240 Woodthorpe Road, Ashford as shown on Drg. No. 3871-03 at **Annex A** be approved; and
- (ii) construction of the proposal is funded from the 2008/09 Local Transport Plan budget.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The junction of the C248 Kingston Road and C240 Woodthorpe Road, Ashford is controlled by traffic signals. Currently, no pedestrian phase exists.
- 1.2 The junction is on one of the busier roads into Staines and is close to The Matthew Arnold School. There is an existing puffin crossing on Kingston Road near to the school.
- 1.3 In 2003, schools in Ashford were surveyed as part of a Safe Routes to School initiative and one of problems identified was the difficulty crossing Woodthorpe Road. Although a signalised crossing has been installed on Woodthorpe Road north of Kingston Road it is still considered that additional pedestrian facilities should be installed at the junction with Kingston Road as they would also benefit pedestrians using Kingston Road itself.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 A feasibility design to incorporate controlled pedestrian phases at the junction of Kingston Road and Woodthorpe Road has been developed as shown at **Annex A**. The scheme includes a crossing on Woodthorpe Road and one on Kingston Road to the west of Woodthorpe Road.
- 2.2 During the three year period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2007 there was one personal injury collision at the junction; it did not involve a pedestrian.

3 OPTIONS

- 3.1 The presence of private accesses restricts the choice of location for the pedestrian crossing points.
- 3.2 There is no location to the east that can avoid private accesses or adversely affect the entrance to the garage on Kingston Road immediately opposite Woodthorpe Road. However, the crossing could be located to the west of the junction with a minor change to the exit point of the garage. In terms of pedestrian movements from Woodthorpe Road towards Staines this is also the more appropriate side as this would cater for pedestrians who are using both sides of Woodthorpe Road walking to and from the Staines direction.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 No recent consultation has been carried out. However should the proposal be approved by this Committee, adjacent businesses and

residents will be informed of the proposals and any concerns that can be addressed without compromising the scheme will be considered.

5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The design costs to introduce controlled pedestrian facilities at the junction between Kingston Road and Woodthorpe Road would be funded from Section 106 monies from the development of HMP Bronzefield.
- 5.2 The cost of the works is estimated to cost £90,000; it is proposed that this is funded from any remaining Section 106 monies with the balance funded from the Local Transport Plan budget and that it is constructed during the current financial year

6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no implications.

7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no implications.

8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 Although there is a puffin crossing outside The Matthew Arnold School, the junction between Kingston Road and Woodthorpe Road is also used by schoolchildren as well as other pedestrians. There are no controlled pedestrian crossings at the junction and it is recommended that they be introduced to provide safer crossing facilities.

9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The introduction of controlled pedestrian crossings at the junction would make this junction safer to use for all vulnerable road users and support the County Council's Safe Routes to School initiative.

10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 10.1 The proposal will be made known to local businesses and residents after which detailed design will be finalised.

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