

Item 20

FRIMLEY ROAD, CAMBERLEY PROPOSED RELOCATION OF A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S
LOCAL COMMITTEE (SURREY HEATH)**

8th March 2007

KEY ISSUE:

To seek authority to advertise a notice for the relocation, and upgrading, of a pedestrian crossing as a result of a planning consent.

SUMMARY:

Planning consent has been granted for the development of 22 retirement flats at 71-73 Frimley Road, Camberley. The position of the proposed access to the development coincides with the location of an existing Pelican crossing. Due to sightline requirements and the internal layout of the site, it has not been possible to identify a suitable alternative access point. The developer is therefore proposing to relocate the crossing by approximately 15 metres and, at the same time, upgrade it to a Puffin crossing.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Surrey Heath Local Committee

- i. advertise a notice in accordance with the Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the effects of which will be to relocate the existing Pelican crossing from its current position, southward approximately 15 metres as shown in Annex 1, and upgrade it to a Puffin crossing.
- ii. the Local Transportation Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee and Local Members resolve any objections received in connection with the proposal.

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. Planning Consent has been granted for a housing development consisting of 22 retirement flats. The site occupies 71-73 Frimley Road, Camberley.
2. To facilitate the development a new access is required on to Frimley Road. The position of the proposed access directly conflicts with the location of an existing Pelican crossing. However, due to the internal layout of the

development and the need to maintain satisfactory sightlines to and from the site, a suitable alternative access point cannot be identified. As part of the application, the developer is therefore proposing to relocate the crossing approximately 15 metres south of its existing location (as shown in annex 1).

3. In order for the relocation of the crossing to progress, there is a statutory requirement for the proposal to be advertised.
4. Subject to the completion of statutory procedures and all associated costs being met by the developer, Surrey County Council has not objected to the relocation of the crossing.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

5. In addition to relocating the existing Pelican crossing, the developer is also proposing to upgrade it to a Puffin crossing. This will provide a number of benefits for both pedestrians and motorists.
6. The principal differences/advantages of a Puffin crossing compared to a Pelican crossing are:
 - detectors monitor both the pedestrian crossing zone and the kerbside waiting area enabling the duration of the crossing period to be varied automatically, giving pedestrians the time they need to cross.
 - the call for a pedestrian stage is automatically cancelled if a person then crosses the road outside the pedestrian phase (and no further demand is registered), therefore reducing the need for drivers to stop unnecessarily.
 - the flashing amber period is replaced with a steady red signal to vehicular traffic. This gives pedestrians (especially elderly and disabled people) a greater sense of protection.
 - the pedestrian signal is mounted nearside (i.e. next to the pedestrian waiting area) and not across the road. This is particularly helpful for the visually impaired and reduces problems with signals being difficult to discern in strong sunlight.

CONSULTATION

7. The developer originally proposed to relocate the crossing directly outside property number 98. However, in response to concerns raised by a resident from the property, the proposed location was moved to the joint boundary of property numbers 98 and 100 (as shown in Annex 1).
8. In accordance with statutory requirements, there will be a minimum period of 21 days when any further objections or comments can be submitted in response to the public notice.
9. In addition to advertising the notice in the local press and on site, a copy will also be sent to those residents most directly affected by the proposal.

10. Consultation has been undertaken with Surrey Police who raise no objection to the proposal.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. The developer will fund all costs associated with the relocation of the crossing.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

12. Surrey has embraced the concept of sustainable development, which is the foundation of Surrey's Local Transport Plan and is committed to the vision of making Surrey a better place. Funding from the integrated transport budget will be expended on projects and schemes in line with this vision whilst fulfilling its key commitments.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

13. Across the range of transportation issues and problems to be addressed the needs of all highway users require equal consideration. Proposals may benefit a particular group or individuals but it is important to consider and address how one impact may worsen others.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: None

Number of Annexes: 1