

Item 25

GIBBET LANE, CAMBERLEY AMENDMENT AND NEW TRAFFIC ORDERS TO ALLOW CYCLISTS

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

26th July 2007

KEY ISSUE:

To seek authority to implement changes to the existing one way Traffic Order and making of a new cycle lane Traffic Order on Gibbet Lane, Camberley so that cyclists can cycle north and south bound between Crawley Ridge and Larchwood Glade, and advertise a Notice accordingly.

SUMMARY:

The scheme to implement a cycle provision in Gibbet Lane has already been approved for implementation within the Local Transport Plan, but Approval is sought for the advertising of the statutory Notice for implementing changes to the current Traffic Order and making of a new Order so that cyclists may cycle in both directions along Gibbet Lane.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Surrey Heath Local Committee approve:

- i. the proposals as shown on Annex 1.
- ii. new and amendment orders be advertised under the Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the purpose of which will be to:
 - (a) Create a new cycle lane in the length of road between Crawley Ridge and Larchwood Glade and
 - (b) exempt cyclists from the existing one-way restriction,
 - (c) And subject to no objections being maintained, the Traffic Regulation Orders be made
- iii. The Local Highways Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee and Local Member resolve any objections received in connection with the proposal.

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. Within the current programme for 2007/8 a scheme to implement a cycle provision along Gibbet Lane is programmed for commencement shortly. This includes footway link along A30 London Road, new footway construction in Gibbet Lane and provision of a protected area for pedestrians and cyclists on Gibbet Lane between Larchwood Glade and Crawley Ridge.
2. The improvements will benefit both cyclists and pedestrians, and will then enable cyclists to cycle northbound between Larchwood Glade and Crawley Ridge. The existing Traffic Order

currently prohibits all vehicles travelling north and this needs to be amended. A new Order will be advertised to create the cycle lane.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

3. The scheme provides an extension to the existing cycle provision on London Road at its junction with Ceasars Camp Road, along Gibbet Lane to its junction with A325 Portsmouth Road. An existing pelican crossing on Portsmouth Road provides the crossing facility for users of this route.
4. The scheme consists of widening the existing footway along the southern side of London Road, a new footway within the verge to the western side of Gibbet Lane between London Road and Larchwood Glade, an on carriageway cycle lane between Larchwood Glade and Crawley Ridge (one-way section of road), and kerb re-alignment at the the southern end of Gibbet Lane to assist cyclists joining/leaving at Portsmouth Road.
5. There are also frequent breaches of the current one way section of Gibbet Lane whereby vehicles travel the wrong way northwards, with the potential of collisions with southbound vehicles or pedestrians. The proposed scheme assists with deterring these manoeuvres with posts so that two way traffic is not possible.
6. Authorisation is therefore sought for the advertising of a Notice and for amendment of the one way Traffic Order and making of a new cycle lane Order for the length of road between Larchwood Glade and Crawley Ridge, Camberley.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The cost of implementing the scheme is estimated at £65,000 and will be funded from the 2007/08 devolved LTP Budget.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

8. 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.

CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

9. The Surrey Heath Crime and Disorder strategy seeks to continually improve the safety of the community. Measures to reduce congestion and improve pedestrian facilities will assist this strategy, and the implementation of the cycle lane will assist in restraining illegal manoeuvres along Gibbet Lane.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

10. Throughout the scheme development process the Local Transportation Service will assess the opportunities and constraints of pedestrian mobility impairment with the aim of achieving the best possible outcomes whilst having regard for budget and practicality.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: None

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