

Item 29

UPPER CHOBHAM ROAD, NEW FOOTWAY

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL COMMITTEE (SURREY HEATH)

26th July 2007

KEY ISSUE:

To confirm the outcome of a site visit between Members and Officers to re-appraise the provision of a footway along Upper Chobham Road.

SUMMARY:

The Local Committee has approved within the 2007/08 programme the construction of a new footway along the eastern side of Upper Chobham Road between Old Bisley Road and Winding Wood Drive. Following discussions at the Local Committee on 8 March 2007 the Local Committee resolved bring the Upper Chobham Road scheme to the July 07 meeting after a site visit was held. Further to the site visit it was decided that it was appropriate to proceed with the scheme as originally approved by the Committee.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Local Committee (Surrey Heath) note that the new footway scheme as approved at the 18 July 2006 Local Committee is to progress to construction as planned.

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. This scheme was approved for construction at the 18 July 2006 Local Committee.
2. The scheme consists of a new footway along the eastern side of Upper Chobham Road and provides a continuous footway link from Ravenscote School to the south and Winding Wood/Heatherside to the north.
3. The footway will avoid the need for children to Ravenscote school having to re-cross Upper Chobham Road at its northern end (having used the school patrol outside the school), and, enable children to other schools from Winding Wood/Heatherside to only need to cross at the school crossing patrol.
4. A scheme to provide a new footway along Upper Chobham Road between Old Bisley Road and Winding Wood Drive is included within the 2007/08 construction programme.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

5. At the 8 March 2007 Local Committee Councillors expressed a desire to visit the site in order to re-appraise the scheme proposal and satisfy themselves that the scheme was still appropriate to progress.
6. A site visit was undertaken on 21 March 2007 and the proposals inspected along the length of the scheme. A further discussion took place on 29th March 2007 during which the details of the scheme were discussed further. The safety concerns expressed by some Members were not directly related to the actual footway construction and subsequently, it was reaffirmed that the scheme should proceed as recommended by the Local Committee on 18th July 2006.
7. At the meeting on 29th March 2007 Members requested that Officers investigate the bend in Upper Chobham Road between the north and south entrance to Robin Hood Drive and consider measures to enhance the safety along this length.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. The cost of implementing the footway is estimated at £126,125 and will be funded from the 2007/08 devolved LTP Budget.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

9. 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

10. The Surrey Heath Crime and Disorder strategy seeks to continually improve the safety of the community. Measures to improve pedestrian facilities will assist this strategy.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

11. 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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