



# **D444 Bluehouse Lane, Oxted Safe Routes to School Scheme**

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## **KEY ISSUE**

Road safety in Bluehouse Lane in the vicinity of Oxted School

## **SUMMARY**

The report will give details of an amendment to the proposed raised zebra crossing on Bluehouse Lane near Gresham Road.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee is asked to note the proposed amendment to the scheme.

## **INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND**

1. At the meeting of the Local Committee on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2003, Members agreed to proceed with the design and construction of two raised zebra crossings in Bluehouse Lane, a zebra crossing in Station Road East and a mini-roundabout at the junction of Station Road East/Bluehouse Lane and Chichele Road.
2. Work on the detailed design of this project is progressing and the intention is to construct the scheme during the summer school holidays this year.

## **ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY**

3. When officers commenced the detailed work on the design of the raised zebra crossing on Bluehouse Lane near Gresham Road it became apparent that the proposed road table would be sited close to a culvert which carries a stream under the road.
4. Siting a road table in this position would go against advice set out in Department for Transport Guidance Notes as it could cause structural damage to the culvert.
5. Officers have, therefore, amended the scheme from the road table to two sets of two speed cushions either side of the zebra crossing which will now be constructed at carriageway level.
6. The other zebra crossing in Bluehouse Lane near to the junction with Station Road East and Chichele Road is unchanged.

## **CONSULTATIONS**

7. Copies of this report have been sent to local councillors, Oxted and Limpsfield Parish Councils and Surrey Police for their information.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8. The proposed scheme is to be funded from funds set aside by Surrey County Council Education Department.

## **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS**

9. The measures proposed may encourage more children and their parents to walk to and from school in the Oxted area.

## **EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

10. The proposed raised zebra crossings will help partially sighted or disabled people to cross Bluehouse Lane.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS:** Report to the Local Committee on 18/7/2003

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