



B2028 West Park Road Junction B2037 Snow Hill – Judges Corner

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KEY ISSUE:

Improving road safety at the junction of B2028 West Park Road and B2037 Snow Hill – Judges Corner.

SUMMARY:

This report provides information on the progress with the proposed roundabout scheme.

INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

1. The junction of B2028 West Park Road and B2037 Snow Hill/Effingham Road has a poor accident history. In the last 10 years (1995 – 2004) there have been 47 accidents resulting in 88 casualties at this junction.
2. A feasibility study was carried out in 1993 which recommended the installation of a roundabout but the scheme did not proceed due to the low benefit/cost ratio when compared to other schemes in the district.
3. The Local Committee agreed to allocate £100,000 from the Local Transport Plan (LTP) budget in 2004/05 to progress the detailed design and any preliminary works required with a view to constructing the scheme in 2005/06.
4. As outlined in a separate report on this agenda, the LTP Advisory Group have agreed that this scheme should be the subject of an intermediate bid. If this bid is unsuccessful, the Group have agreed to adjust the programme to ensure that the scheme can be funded from the LTP budget in 2005/06.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

5. During 2004 topographical and statutory authority apparatus surveys have been undertaken to allow the outline design to be produced. This design has been subject to the first safety audit and copies of the plans will be available to inspect at the meeting.
6. To minimise disturbance to roosting birds and bats, trees that needed to be removed as part of the scheme were taken out during October/November 2004.
7. Following a consultation period (see below) detailed plans will be produced and initial discussions will be held with Carillion in early 2005 on the programming and traffic management arrangements for the scheme. The aim is to construct the scheme during the summer months of 2005.

CONSULTATIONS

8. Local people were sent a letter explaining the proposals prior to the start of the tree removal works in October 2004. The intention is to send all local residents, businesses and representatives a copy of the outline plan during December to allow people time to consider the proposal.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. £100,000 has been allocated from the LTP budget in 2004/05 for these advanced works. A further estimated £250,000 may be required to construct the scheme in 2005/06 which will be met from the LTP budget or Intermediate bid if this is successful.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

10. The scheme is primarily designed to tackle a road safety problem but may also reduce traffic congestion and improve accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists.

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