



## **A25 East Hill, Oxted – Improvements Near Uvedale Road**

**22 June 2007**

### **KEY ISSUE**

To approve road improvements along A25 East Hill, Oxted, near Uvedale Road. The road improvements include; an improved crossing facility, reconstructed footways, improved pedestrian access through dropped kerbs and improved cyclist facilities.

### **SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on the proposed improvement scheme at the above location consisting of an enlargement to an existing pedestrian refuge, improved footways/drop kerbs and an extension to the existing cycle lane.

A consultation has been carried out with local residents. It is recommended to implement the proposals in the current financial year.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee is asked to agree the proposals as shown on Annex A.

## **1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 In July 2006, Surrey County Council undertook a Town Centre Audit for Oxted. The audit highlighted the area around East Hill, specifically between Rockfield Road and Snatts Hill as one of concern and that needs to be addressed.
- 1.2 The scheme aims to contribute to the Local Transport Plan objectives, especially accessibility related to pedestrian, cyclist and motorised scooter usage.

## **2 PROPOSALS**

- 2.1 Improved crossing facility for pedestrians through a new refuge island on East Hill between Uvedale Road and Snatts Hill.
- 2.2 Enhanced pedestrian access through reconstructed footways.
- 2.3 Improved usage for people with motorised scooters through improved access by new or improved dropped kerbs.
- 2.4 Improved cyclist facilities through the extension of the cycle lane on the southern side of East Hill to Uvedale Road.

## **3 CONSULTATION**

- 3.1 The East Surrey Highways office carried out a consultation study in April 2007, in the form of a letter drop. Generally, the scheme was supported in principle. However, there have been comments on some of the details, which officers have dealt with. This has resulted in some changes to the design to assist in accessibility for pedestrians, cyclists and motorised scooters. The main changes to the design sent out in the consultation are:
  - Relocation of the refuge island slightly to westward on East Hill.
  - The dropped kerbs on the west corner of East Hill and Snatts Hill to be realigned to provide for better alignment to cross Snatts Hill.
  - Relocation of the dropped kerb on the east corner of East Hill and Uvedale Road, so that a motorised scooter can access the footpath at 90 degrees.
  - The area of footway to be reconstructed on Rockfield Road with dropped kerbs but not with any tactile paving.
- 3.2 The consultation leaflet was sent to the, Surrey Police, Surrey Fire Brigade, Surrey Ambulance, the Parish Council and the residents in and around East Hill / Uvedale Road / Rockfield Road / Snatts Hill. Surrey Police and Surrey Fire Brigade have confirmed that they support the proposals.

#### **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The estimated cost of the scheme is £20,000 and would be met from the 2007/08/ LTP Allocation.

#### **5 CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 The report recommends that this scheme that contributes to the LTP objectives be approved for construction this financial year.

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