



# **Tatsfield Village Traffic Management Scheme**

**22 June 2007**

## **KEY ISSUE**

To approve a traffic management scheme for the centre of Tatsfield Village that will include the re-siting of a bus stop in order to improve road safety and pedestrian facilities.

## **SUMMARY**

Tatsfield has a village centre served by a regular bus route and school buses. When these stop at the existing bus stop (for up to 15 minutes) they obstruct vehicles accessing or passing through the village centre. This report describes a new traffic management scheme that will reduce this problem and also improve pedestrian facilities for local residents and children travelling to a proposed nearby primary school.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee is asked to agree:

- (i) that the proposals for a new bus stop and pedestrian facilities as shown on drawing 5404/04 in Annex A be progressed and implemented subject to any statutory procedures.
- (ii) that the Local Highways Manager for Tandridge, in consultation with the Chairman and local County Member, considers and resolves any objections that are made as a consequence of the statutory advertisement of the proposals or minor changes resulting from the detailed design.

## **1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Tatsfield has a well used village centre with a number of local attractions including a bus stop, village shop, pub and restaurant. In addition it is planned to relocate the primary school to a nearby location with an access on Ship Hill with an access from Ship Hill.
- 1.2 The centre of the village has developed at a junction where three roads meet. The existing highway layout has developed over time and could be improved to suite current traffic flows and pedestrian movements.
- 1.3 The main difficulty with this location however is the existing position of the bus stop which is situated within the junction area. Buses on route 464 terminate in Tatsfield and wait for upto 15 minutes before heading back to Addington. In addition there are occasional stops during the day by a route 411 bus and school buses.
- 1.4 When a bus (or buses) are parked at the existing bus stop the junction can become obstructed and very difficult for other vehicles to negotiate in safety. Vehicles turning into Paynesfield Road from Ship Hill have pull around the bus potentially into the path of on coming traffic.
- 1.5 A 210 place Primary School is also proposed to be located off Ship Hill catering for pupils aged 5-11 years. The pedestrian access to the school would be located at the existing access to the Village Hall.
- 1.6 A 20mph speed limit and 2 road tables have previously been approved by the Local Committee to be installed in Ship Hill in association with the new school. These are shown on drawing 5403/04 (Annex A).

## **2 PROPOSALS**

- 2.1 The proposed scheme involves changes to the highway layout in Tatsfield that are aimed at improving safety and accessibility. They have been developed following widespread consultation with the Parish Council and local residents and are shown on drawing 5403/04, Annex A.
- 2.2 The existing bus stop and shelter will be moved from a position near the entrance to Paynesfield Road to a position adjacent to the Ship PH. The existing one way access road outside The Ship will become a buses only lane and be widened at its southern end so that one bus could pass another. This should have the following advantages over the current layout:
  - Buses will be able to wait in an area away from moving traffic and will not longer cause obstruction to passing traffic. The slip road is large enough for two buses to park away from the traffic through route.
  - The proposed bus stop is closer to the new school and parents and pupils using the bus would have one road crossing instead of three.

- Two way traffic can be maintained in Paynesfield Road. The road layout can be improved to give priority to Paynesfield Road traffic (which has the highest traffic flows) rather than Westmore Road.
- The 20mph speed limit already approved in Ship Hill, outside the new school can be extended into Paynesfield Road and Westmore Road.
- Improvements will be made to pedestrian crossing points and footways in the area to make it easier and safer to access the new school and re positioned bus stop from the residential areas of the village.

### **3 CONSULTATION**

- 3.1 The East Surrey Highways office and the Divisional Member David Hodge have carried out widespread consultation during the development of these proposals. The Parish Council have arranged several meetings with residents where David Hodge has been available to discuss and explain the scheme. This has resulted in widespread support for the proposed scheme shown in Annex A.
- 3.2 SCC Passenger Transport, Transport for London, London Buses and the bus operator Metrobus have confirmed that they support these proposals.
- 3.3 Surrey Police have also confirmed their support for this scheme.

### **4 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The estimated cost of the scheme is £80,000. This would be met from the 2007/08/09 LTP Allocation.
- 4.2 The highway works associated with the new school (two road tables and 20mph speed limit in Ship Hill) would be separately funded by the school redevelopment project.

### **5 CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 The proposed traffic management and pedestrian improvements recommended by this report will make it safer for local residents and school children to travel through the centre of Tatsfield by car, bus or on foot.

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