



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

**C70 OUTWOOD LANE
RAILWAY BRIDGE**

5 OCTOBER 2007

KEY ISSUE

To request funding for the investigation and construction of a solution to the accident problem in the vicinity of the railway bridge in Outwood Lane.

SUMMARY

Bletchingley Parish Council has requested that the single-track bridge on Outwood Lane be investigated with a view to introducing a priority give-way. Just south of this location the Accident Working Group has previously identified a problem site. Either scheme could be funded out of the Traffic Safety Improvements budget. This report discusses the merits of both schemes and recommends to which scheme funding should be allocated.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Tandridge) is asked to agree that:

- (i) The Accident Working Group proposals for the Outwood Lane site near Poundhill Cottage, just south of the single-track bridge, be progressed.
- (ii) Bletchingley Parish Council be requested to consider contributing to the proposal for a priority give way at the bridge.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Bletchingley Parish Council has requested that the single-track bridge on Outwood Lane be investigated with a view to introducing a priority give-way. Several requests from local residents have also been received raising concern of potential conflict due to the uncontrolled nature of the site.
- 1.2 Immediately to the south of this location the Accident Working Group (AWG) has previously identified a problem site in the vicinity of Poundhill Cottage.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 A study of the Personal Injury Accident (PIA) records show that in the last three years, two accidents have occurred at the bridge, whilst six accidents have occurred on the length of road adjacent to Poundhill Cottage.
- 2.2 Of the PIAs at the bridge, one involved two vehicles colliding on the bridge and the other was a loss of control accident involving a vehicle travelling northbound.
- 2.3 All of the PIAs on the length of road adjacent to Poundhill Cottage were loss of control accidents, involving both northbound and southbound vehicles.
- 2.4 The AWG has identified the following measure to resolve the issues at Poundhill Cottage:
 - Introduce buff coloured anti-skid surfacing on the southbound carriageway.
 - Move chevron sign, for southbound traffic, into line of sight
 - Remove 50mph repeater from northbound approach
 - Renew road markings
 - Introduce reflective studs or cats eyes
 - Introduce SLOW marking on southbound carriageway
 - Repair edge of carriageway on northbound approach

3 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 Surrey Police have stated they would prefer to see any improvement directed towards the road adjacent to Poundhill Cottage as the accident data shows the problem to be more serious here than at the bridge.
- 3.2 Surrey Police are concerned that if a priority give-way was introduced at the bridge, approach speeds in the direction of the priority could increase.

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4 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 A sum of £15,000 is available from the Traffic Safety improvement budget for this financial year.

4.2 The design and construction costs can be met from this funding.

5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no Equality and Diversity implications.

6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no Crime and Disorder implications.

7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that the Accident Working Group proposals for the Outwood Lane site near Poundhill Cottage, just south of the single-track bridge, be progressed.

7.2 Bletchingley Parish Council be requested to consider contributing to the proposal for a priority give way at the bridge.

8 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 To reduce accidents.

9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

9.1 If the Local Committee approves the recommendations, officers will progress the work during the current financial year.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: