



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE TANDRIDGE

MINOR CHANGES TO FOOTWAYS TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY

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KEY ISSUE

Programme of footway improvements using the £15,000 allocation for Accessibility in Tandridge.

SUMMARY

Requests are received for footway improvements such as dropped kerbs to facilitate wheelchair access. The Local Committee on 22 June 2007 approved a £15,000 allocation for Accessibility from the Local Transport Plan 2007-08 budget for Integrated Transport in Tandridge. This report proposes a schedule of footway improvements.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee for Tandridge is asked to agree that:

The schedule of footway improvements listed in Annex A be progressed.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Local Committee on 22nd June 2007 approved an allocation of £15,000 for Accessibility. This allocation is part of the 2007-08 budget for Local Transport Plan funded Integrated Transport in Tandridge.
- 1.2 Requests for accessibility improvements on the highways within Tandridge have been received over the last few years. Most of the requests are for dropped kerbs and associated improvements to facilitate road crossing.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 Dropped kerbs are essential in some places to allow access by wheelchairs, mobility scooters, prams and push chairs. They also act to formalise a road crossing point and encourage pedestrians to cross roads at designated places.
- 2.2 Tactile paving is invariably installed in association with dropped kerbs. The tactile paving serves to facilitate use of road crossing points by visually impaired people.

3 OPTIONS

- 3.1 A list of locations proposed for footway improvements is shown at Annex 1. The list is split into Phase 1, Phase 2 and Wish list. The £15,000 available funding should be sufficient to complete all the Phase 1 proposals and some of the Phase 2 proposals.
- 3.2 The wish list can be maintained and updated for progression of improvements in future years.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 The Tandridge Access Group has agreed the Phase 1 and 2 locations shown in Annex 1.
- 4.2 The Chairman and Vice-Chairman have been provided with a draft copy of this report.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY

- 5.1 The £15,000 sum for Accessibility is an allocation from the Local Transport Plan budget for Integrated Transport in Tandridge. Dropped kerbs provide important accessibility improvements valued by members of the community.

6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The proposed accessibility improvements will improve facilities for disabled people crossing roads at some locations.

7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are none significant.

8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The proposed accessibility improvements have the support of the Tandridge Access Group. The Phase 1 proposals and some of the Phase 2 proposals are recommended for implementation during the current financial year.

9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 Use of the £15,000 for accessibility improvements will benefit community members. The work meets objectives of the Local Transport Plan for Surrey.

10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 10.1 If the Local Committee approves the recommendation, officers will proceed to arrange the works during the current financial year.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Report titled "East Surrey Annual Maintenance Plan 2007-08" to Local Committee dated 22 June 2007.

ANNEX A

PHASE 1

1		Oxted	Station Approach, corner of Station Road west, access to toilets
2		Caterham	Station Avenue, Waitrose
3		Hurst Green	Chestnut Copse / The Greenway
4		Hurst Green	The Greenway in lay by near No.25
5		Felbridge	Glebe Road, outside gate to St. John's church
6		Oxted	Station Rd. W. Kerb outside Hoskins on roundabout.
7		Caterham	Harestone Valley Road / Harestone Hill at Morrison's roundabout
8		Lingfield	High Street between Tandoori and St. Christopher's
9		Hurst Green	Greenhurst adjacent to Meldrum Close. Opp St. Agathas
10		Lingfield	1 Grove Road
11		Caterham	Church Hill jct with The Hill & St Marys Mount

PHASE 2

12		Caterham Hill	Rochester Gardens
13		Caterham Hill	Eldon Road / Campbell Road
14		Hurst Green	The Greenway by car park for sheltered housing
15		Hurst Green	The Greenway by side of No.30 to footway
16		Warlingham	245 Limpsfield Road outside house
17		Whyteleafe	83 Hillside Road
18		Lingfield	Headland Way / Godstone Road
19		Godstone	High Street outside Fairalls

WISH LIST

		Hurst Green	Comforts Avenue / Orchard Way
		Caterham Hill	Coulsdon Road / William Road
		Caterham Hill	Addison Road / Westway
		Oxted	Station Road East / Johnsdale
		Lingfield	Dormans Corner
		Lingfield	Plaistow St. Outside Magnus Deo
		Lingfield	Plaistow St. E. Grinstead road
		Lingfield	High St. Nr. Lingfield Travel
		Lingfield	Newchapel Rd. /Godstone Road