



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE TANDRIDGE

D426 MILL LANE, HURST GREEN PROPOSED FOOTWAY

14 December 2007

KEY ISSUE

To approve a proposed pedestrian footway along the D426 Mill Lane in Hurst Green.

SUMMARY

This report will recommend the construction of a new footway along side the D426 Mill Lane to provide a safe route for pedestrians. People walking to Moor House School would use the footway.

A new footway with dropped kerbs will be constructed on the grassed land outside the school and on the opposite side of Mill Lane.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee Tandridge is asked to agree:

- (i) the proposal of a new footway and uncontrolled crossing point indicated by dropped kerbs along the D426 Mill Lane in Hurst Green as shown on Annex A.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 There is no footway provided in Mill Lane for pedestrians to gain access to Moor House School. Pedestrians are forced to use the live carriage that will normally be cluttered up by parked vehicles complicating the crossing movements.
- 1.2 The scheme was listed on the programme of Local Transport Plan funded integrated transport schemes for Tandridge that was approved on 22 June 2007 at Surrey County Council's Tandridge Local Committee Meeting.
- 1.3 Proposals for waiting restrictions from Monday to Friday between 07:30 and 09:30 were approved for progression by the Local Committee on 22 June 2007. The restriction extending from the junction with Hurst Green Road Southwards to the junction with Mill Shaw. The single yellow lines on both sides of the road will indicate the restrictions. Implementation to be carried out during the next financial year.
- 1.4 The District Council informed us that there is a Scheme for Hurst Green Common under the Commons Act 1899 that allows us to make and maintain new paths. They have used similar schemes to create paths on other common land. The previous path on Hurst Green was created under this provision.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 A new footway with warning signs will be constructed to supply pedestrians with a designated safe route and to warn drivers of the likely presence of pedestrians.
- 2.2 Dropped kerbs will be included to facilitate the crossing of Mill Lane.
- 2.3 The footway will encourage walking in a safe environment, which is associated with the Local Transport Plan objectives

3 OPTIONS

- 3.1 The proposed footway will link up with the existing footway and create an extension that will enable a safe passageway to the school entrance.
- 3.2 The location of the dropped kerbs was determined after consultation with the school. Three options were supplied to the school and the decision based on the chosen location of the pedestrian gate.

4 CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The School confirmed that the proposed footway should solve the problem of pedestrians currently walking along the footway.
- 4.2 The School confirmed their intention to construct a pedestrian gate.
- 4.3 The Chairman and Vice-chairman have been provided with a draft copy of this report.
- 4.4 The Parish Council and Local Member have been provided with a draft copy of this report.

5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The estimated cost of the proposal is £ 20,000, proposed for funding from the Tandridge Local Transport Plan Budget.

6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The proposed facility will provide a safer route to Moor House School for all pedestrians. The proposed dropped kerbs will be constructed flush with the existing carriageway and will therefore provide a crossing point to both wheelchairs and pushchairs.

7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The proposed footway and crossing point will encourage walking and should prevent unnecessary accidents.
- 8.2 The report recommends construction of a new footway with a crossing point to service Moor House School.

9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 To improve the safety of all pedestrians accessing the school and encouraging walking in general by supplying a safe environment.

10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 10.1 Detailed Design is progressing at the moment with a view to construct in the next financial year.

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