



## OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE TANDRIDGE

### GODSTONE GREEN FOOTPATH LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS

14 December 2007

#### KEY ISSUE

To consider erecting new and upgrade existing lighting columns on Godstone Green.

#### SUMMARY

This report recommends the erection of 3 new lighting columns and the upgrading of 2 existing lighting columns along Public Footpath 126 across Godstone Green to provide a safer route to all pedestrians.

The upgrade will improve the lighting level of the surrounding area and increase the perception of safety for pedestrians.

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee Tandridge is asked to agree:

- (i) the proposal of 3 new lamp columns along the Public Footpath 126 across Godstone Green as shown on Annex A.
- (ii) the proposal of upgrading 2 existing lighting columns along the Public Footpath across Godstone Green as shown on Annex A.

## **1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 After the renewal of the surface on Godstone Green Footpath by the Parish Council it was proposed that a new column be funded from an appropriate SCC budget.
- 1.2 It was also suggested that the funding extend to the maintenance and energy cost of new columns.
- 1.3 The 2 existing columns on this public footway are maintained by SCC, historically taken on as part of the 1974 rationalisation of Local Government.
- 1.4 The lighting will have to be upgraded to conform to an acceptable standard.

## **2 ANALYSIS**

- 2.1 Investigation of the lighting levels required 3 new lighting columns to provide a consistent level of lighting on the footpath.
- 2.2 The 2 existing lighting columns will also have to be upgraded to increase the lighting footprint.
- 2.3 In some rural areas increased lighting levels are seen as a hindrance and might prove to be unpopular with local residents.

## **3 OPTIONS**

- 3.1 No action can be taken on this request and the security of pedestrians may suffer.
- 3.2 Only the 1 requested lighting column can be erected but that will fall far below the current accepted standard.
- 3.3 The complete upgrade can go ahead and SCC can accept the relevant maintenance duties.

## **4 CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 The County Councillor for Godstone and the Local Committee Chairman has supported requests for extra lighting.

## **5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The estimated cost of the proposal will come to approximately £ 10,000 excluding maintenance and energy costs.

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- 5.2 Cost for the design could be funded from the 2007/2008 Local Allocation Strategy Allocation for Traffic Safety Improvements.
- 5.3 Implementation of the scheme could be considered in a report on the programme of Improvement Schemes for 2008/2009.

## **6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The upgrade of the existing and erection of the new lighting columns will raise the lighting levels in the surrounding area and act as a deterrent to possible illegal activities.

## **7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The upgrade of the existing and erection of the new lighting columns will light up the surrounding area and act as a deterrent to possible illegal activities.

## **8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 The lighting upgrade will increase the lighting level to an accepted standard.
- 8.2 The report recommends carrying out the lighting improvements to create safer environment for pedestrians.

## **9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 9.1 The proposal would improve pedestrian safety and encourage walking by creating a secure environment.

## **10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

- 10.1 The design will be progressed to confirm a cost estimate. This will be reported to the Local Committee in future improvement schemes.

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