



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE TANDRIDGE

GODSTONE ROAD, WHYTELEAFE A22 PELICAN CROSSING

TRAFFIC ORDERS

7 March 2008

KEY ISSUE

To approve the advertising and subsequent introduction of the Traffic Orders necessary to facilitate the provision of a new signal controlled pedestrian crossing facility in A22 Godstone Road, Whyteleafe.

SUMMARY

This Committee approved the construction of a new staggered pelican crossing on Godstone Road in front of the Well Farm Heights Development at the last Committee meeting on 14 December 2007. As a consequence of this, the start of the 30 mph speed limit needs to be moved back 85m south east towards the Wapses Lodge roundabout, from its current location. In addition, a right turn ban needs to be introduced for vehicles exiting the Well Farm Heights Development in order to prevent a potentially dangerous manoeuvre.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee Tandridge is asked to agree:

- (i) The advertising of the Traffic Order to relocate the start of the 30 mph speed limit as shown on Annex A;
- (ii) The advertising of the Traffic Order banning right turns from the Well Farm Heights access;
- (iii) The introduction of the above Traffic Orders subject to there being no substantive objections to their introduction.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Planning Application TA/03/1317, which was submitted on September 2nd 2003 to Tandridge District Council, was for the demolition of the former CGNU offices and the construction of 208 key worker dwellings and the construction of a sixty-bedroom Travel Lodge.
- 1.2 Surrey County Council entered into an Agreement Under Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980 for the installation of a staggered pelican crossing on the A22 Godstone Road. Members agreed to these works at the last meeting of the Tandridge Local Committee on 14 December 2007.
- 1.3 In order to facilitate these works it is necessary to move the start of the 30 mph speed limit from its current position to a position 85m southeast towards the Wapses Lodge roundabout. Currently the boundary between the 30 mph and 40 mph limits is halfway through the scheme and, for safety reasons, the whole scheme must be within a 30 mph zone. Additionally, the visibility splays for the Well Farm Heights development are based on 30 mph.
- 1.4 It is also necessary to introduce a right turn ban for vehicles exiting the Well Farm Heights development so as not to compromise highway safety.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 The staggered pedestrian crossing will make it easier and safer for pedestrians to cross the A22 Godstone Road and will also make it easier to access Whyteleafe South railway station, helping to meet LTP (Local Transport Plan) objectives.
- 2.2 It is essential to advertise and then implement the Traffic Orders in order to construct the crossing.
- 2.3 The construction of the pelican has already been delayed considerably by legal and financial problems and work needs to commence on the Traffic Orders as soon as possible to avoid further delays.

3 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 This proposal is for Traffic Orders. It is therefore necessary to consult Surrey Police. This has been done and their response is awaited.

4 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The cost of constructing the crossing is to be borne by the developer, Acton Housing Association Limited. They will also be expected to fund the Traffic Order for the reduction in the speed limit. The Traffic Order for the banned right turn can be advertised in conjunction with the speed limit reduction and there is therefore no net cost to the County.

5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The proposed crossing will ensure that there is a safe environment for pedestrians, people with disabilities and those with pushchairs and young children to cross the road.

6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Not applicable.

7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The report recommends that the Traffic Orders should be advertised and made to extend the 30mph speed limit and to ban the right turn from the Well Farm Heights Development in order to compliment the delivery of the proposed staggered Pelican Crossing across the A22 Godstone Road, Whyteleafe and associated works.

8 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 To improve the safety of all residents and pedestrians crossing Godstone Road and to improve accessibility to Whyteleafe South railway station.

9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 9.1 It is the intention of the applicant that work will commence on the crossing as soon as practicable, when the design has been finally agreed. The procedure to obtain the necessary Traffic Orders will occur in parallel.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Section 278 Legal Documentation, Local Committee Report of 14 December 2007

