



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

LINGFIELD PARK RACECOURSE PROPOSED PUFFIN CROSSING

3 July 2009

KEY ISSUE

To approve the advertising of an " Intention To Construct" notice of the proposed Puffin Crossing in the appropriate press.

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the proposed new Puffin Crossing across Racecourse Road, opposite the main entrance, which is currently being refurbished, be noted. This facility is as a result of planning permission having been granted for new development within the grounds, including a hotel, leisure club, viewing terraces and upgrading of existing facilities. The puffin is to provide a controlled pedestrian crossing between the improved entrance to the Racecourse and Lingfield Station, including access to the existing car parks. The footpath link towards the Station is also being improved with the introduction of street lighting.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- i) authority is given to advertise the installation of a new Puffin Crossing under section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) as shown on the drawing at Annex A and, subject to no objections, or those being withdrawn, the crossing be installed.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Tandridge District Council have granted Planning Permission for the demolition of 22 buildings and to provide a leisure building, 120-bed hotel, viewing terraces with boxes, golf facilities, vets & lad's accommodation, stables, a new pedestrian entrance and pedestrian crossing. This was approved on the 24 May 2007.
- 1.2 One of the conditions of planning was that the Developer enters into an Agreement to secure the construction of the Puffin Crossing. This will include some footway improvements and lighting, including the installation of new street lighting along the footpath that leads towards Lingfield Railway Station.
- 1.3 1.3 The Developers have commissioned Surrey County Council to carry out a "Design & Build" scheme. The proposal has been prepared in consultation with Surrey's Traffic Signals Group. The proposed works have also been the subject of a Stage 1 & 2 Safety Audit. All costs associated with the scheme will be borne by the Developers.
- 1.4 In order to minimise the impact of the construction, it has been agreed that work will, wherever possible, be carried out during the school holiday period. Construction traffic and the site compound will be generally contained within the existing car park.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 The new Puffin Crossing will encourage pedestrian crossing of Racecourse Road in a designated safe environment, which is in accordance with the Local Transport Plan and National objectives.
- 2.2 The proposed new location of the Puffin Crossing is safer in Highway terms as it replaces the existing uncontrolled crossing facility.

3 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 The Planning Application has been through the necessary consultation procedure.

4 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The full cost of providing the Puffin Crossing will be met by the Developer. The Developer will reimburse the design and the construction costs incurred by SCC. This will include the advertising costs and the associated fees in preparing the Notice.

5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The proposed dropped kerbs will be constructed flush with the existing Carriageway, with tactile paving and guard railing, therefore providing a safe accessible crossing point for the disabled. It will be DDA compliant and meet the appropriate Design Standards.

6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no perceived crime and disorder implications associated with this scheme.

7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 This report recommends that the intention to construct the Puffin Crossing should be advertised.

8 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 To ensure the safety of highway users and especially pedestrians crossing Racecourse Road, therefore providing a safer environment.

9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 9.1 Where committee approves a scheme which, when advertised, attracts objections from the public which are not withdrawn following discussions between objectors and officers, the objections will be reported to Committee so that Members may consider the substance of the objections and decide whether the scheme should go ahead despite those objections or whether the objections are of such weight as to justify the withdrawal of the scheme as currently drafted.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:	The approved layout plan associated with the off site highway works appended as Annex A.
