



## OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

### CHURCH HILL/HARESTONE VALLEY ROAD, CATERHAM REVOCATION OF RIGHT TURN BAN

14 DECEMBER 2010

#### KEY ISSUE

To approve the revocation of the right turn ban into Harestone Valley Road, Caterham prior to the proposed construction of mini-roundabout at the junction with Church Hill/Station Avenue.

#### SUMMARY

The right turn from Church Hill into Harestone Valley Road, Caterham is banned at the existing priority junction. It is proposed to introduce a mini-roundabout at this junction using funding from Caterham Community Partnership as the second phase of works for A Better Caterham. Revocation of the right turn ban is required to enable the mini-roundabout to function effectively. Subject to further design work, it may be necessary to maintain the right turn ban for Heavy Goods Vehicles and provide signing to direct them to U-turn at the roundabout known as The Square.

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- (i) subject to the legal procedure and consultation, the Traffic Regulation Order banning the right turn from Church Hill into Harestone Valley Road, Caterham be revoked either for all vehicles or for all vehicles with the exception of Heavy Goods Vehicles, dependent on the outcome of further design work.
- (ii) consideration and resolution of any objections received following advertisement of the proposed revocation of the right turn ban from Church Road into Harestone Valley Road is delegated to the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee and the local Elected Member.

## **1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Funds are available from the Caterham Community Partnership to facilitate the construction of a mini-roundabout at the junction of Harestone Valley Road and Church Road. A location plan is attached as Annex A to this report. The mini-roundabout is a local aspiration and has support of local councillors and interested groups.
- 1.2 The proposed mini-roundabout will be the subject of a separate report to Local Committee early in 2011 seeking scheme approval.

## **2 ANALYSIS**

- 2.1 The provision of a mini-roundabout will alleviate to a degree the queuing currently experienced in Harestone Valley Road. It will also reduce the volume of U-turning movements currently taking place at the roundabout known as The Square, so helping to alleviate the blocking of the mini-roundabout and its feeder roads when the pedestrian lights stop vehicle movement.
- 2.2 To function effectively as a mini-roundabout the existing right turn ban needs to be revoked upon the completion of the works. Further design work is currently being carried out following a Stage 1/2 Road Safety Audit. One of the issues being investigated is the ability of Heavy Goods Vehicles to safely carry out the right turn movement at the proposed mini-roundabout. If it proves that HGVs cannot safely carry out this manoeuvre, the right turn ban will have to be maintained for HGVs and signing provided to direct them to carry out a U-turn at the roundabout known as The Square. The No Right Turn from Stafford Road into Church Hill will not be affected by this proposal.
- 2.3 The legal process takes a minimum of 6-8 weeks to complete so it is necessary to start this process in advance of Local Committee approval for the mini-roundabout in order for the scheme to be completed by the end of this financial year.

## **3 CONSULTATIONS**

- 3.1 There will be full consultation in accordance with standing orders the proposed mini-roundabout, the results of which will form part of the report to Local Committee early next year.
- 3.2 The full or partial revocation of the right turn ban requires formal consultation, including the emergency services, as part of the legal traffic order process.

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

- 4.1 Funds are available from the Caterham Community Partnership via a grant from SEEDA (South East England Development Agency). A contribution towards the works will be made by Surrey County Council. The mini-roundabout scheme fits within the scope for which the above monies have been taken.

## **5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The mini- roundabout scheme will provide pedestrian crossing points to a number of roads which will be fully compliant with Disability Discrimination Act guidance.

## **6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

## **7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 The scheme and its funding stream allow a number of local issues to be resolved without recourse to the County budget. The full or partial revocation of the existing No Right Turn from Church Hill into Harestone Valley Road is required to allow the effective operation of the mini-roundabout.

## **8 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 To enable the effective operation of the proposed mini-roundabout at the junction of Church Hill and Harestone Valley Road.

## **9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

- 9.1 If the Local Committee approves the recommendation, Surrey County Council's legal department will be instructed to fully or partially revoke the existing Traffic Regulation Order.

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