



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE  
(WAVERLEY)**

**A286, BROOK: RESPONSE TO PETITION**

**7 MARCH 2008**

**KEY ISSUE**

A petition has been received requesting provision of a pedestrian crossing on the A286 at Brook.

**SUMMARY**

In view of a well-supported petition and the severance caused by the A286, the Committee is asked to consider allocating £5,000 from the Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS) budget in 2008/09 budget towards undertaking feasibility/design work on a new crossing at Brook.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to:**

- (i) Note the contents of the petition
- (ii) Consider funding the design and construction of a new crossing as part of the 2008/09 capital allocation, which is the subject of a separate agenda item (Item 13).

**1 BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

- 1.1 A petition signed by over 130 residents requesting the provision of a new zebra crossing on the A286 in Brook village, was submitted to the Local Committee on 14 December 2007.
- 1.2 The A286 Haslemere Road through Brook has a 40mph speed limit, although speeds may exceed this given the nature of the road.
- 1.3 An electronic vehicle activated sign, reading '40mph Slow Down' is located opposite the Dog and Pheasant public house facing north. Two more new electronic vehicle activated signs ('40mph Slow Down'), will shortly be installed on the A286 in Brook; one approximately 90 metres south of Bowlhead Green Road junction to remind vehicles entering the village from the north of the speed limit; the second approximately 20 metres north of the Brook Road junction to remind vehicles entering the village from the south.
- 1.4 In the last three years one personal injury accident has been recorded on the A286 through Brook. This did not involve a pedestrian.
- 1.5 It is understandable that residents seek a safer pedestrian crossing place between the residential area on the west side of the main road, and the cricket ground, Pirrie Hall and Brook Nursery opposite. A crossing would mitigate the severance caused by the busy A286, and engender a greater sense of security and community by shifting the balance towards pedestrians.
- 1.6 The petitioners suggest a zebra crossing, though the speed limit would have to be reduced to 30mph for this type of crossing, and other measures may be desirable to ensure a lower limit is respected by drivers. A controlled pelican crossing could also be considered, although this would be considerably more costly.
- 1.7 The suggested location may be problematic, since it lies on a bend on the main road which may compromise the visibility of a crossing for approaching drivers.
- 1.8 Either type of crossing would have to be properly lit at night to ensure safety. Currently there is a single street light in this part of Brook.
- 1.9 It is likely that the presence of a crossing would in itself lead to reduced speeds through the village.
- 1.10 The Haslemere Transportation Task Group has prioritised a new crossing in Brook for design and construction in 2008/09. See the report on Transportation Capital Budget 2008/09 on the agenda for this meeting (Item 13).

**2 CURRENT POSITION**

2.1 As above

**3 CONSULTATIONS**

3.1 None to date

**4 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Potentially £70,000 allocated from the 2008/09 ITS budget

**5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None.

**6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 The report responds to concerns about road safety.

**7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 As above

**8 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 As above

**9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

9.1 The scheme would be added to the 2008/09 capital programme if approved.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS:** None