

OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

B2131 ST CHRISTOPHER'S GREEN, HASLEMERE: RESPONSE TO PETITION

6 JUNE 2008

KEY ISSUE

To respond to a petition presented to the Committee on 7 March 2008.

RESPONSE

The petition was presented by Ms J Daly Greaves at the 7 March 2008 meeting of the Local Committee. With in the region of 1,000 signatories, this was one of the best supported petitions submitted in recent years, reflecting very strong local concern about difficulties crossing this section of the B2131 at Weyhill, which is the busy main road between Haslemere and Hindhead.

Officers have every sympathy with the petitioners, but improved crossing provision here has not been prioritised by the Committee in the current financial year (see Item 7), so no funding has been allocated at present.

The suggested way forward is for officers to assess options for better crossing provision, and report these to the next meeting of the Haslemere and Western Villages Transportation Task Group for discussion and consideration. Later in the year, this task group will prioritise which schemes to bid for in its area in 2009-2010, and this request for a crossing will be considered alongside others.

The organisers of the petition are invited to walk the road with the Local Highways Manager to identify where they think a crossing would be most beneficial.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- (i) Note the concern of residents and the response set out above.
- (ii) Refer the matter to the Haslemere and Western Villages Transportation Task Group for the consideration of options.

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