

A245/A320 TRANSPORTATION STUDY

1 JULY 2002

SUMMARY:

This paper outlines progress and reports on the public exhibitions held in May.

The consultants have now completed their consultations and have commenced work on proposals for improvement measures.

Some background information is also provided on the Broadoaks development in West Byfleet.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

None – Information item only

1. INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Following the questionnaire survey and other consultations earlier in the year, WSP Group (the consultants undertaking this study) identified local needs and where there is potential for improving conditions for road users along the study corridor. Details of the consultants' investigations including ideas for improvements were exhibited in May.
- 1.2 At the same time, a 'web site' was created to allow the exhibits to be viewed by members of the public via the Internet.
- 1.3 The exhibitions were well attended and the approximate attendance figures are summarised below: -

2. ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

- 2.1 Generally, the atmosphere and comments made at the exhibition were positive and views expressed were diverse. Some of the more commonly made comments were: -
 - Need for new links to the M25/A3
 - Need to improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians along the route.
 - Need to improve right turning facilities at priority junctions.
 - Need to improve capacity at Painshill roundabout.
 - Need to re-open Redhill Road.
- 2.2 There was some cynicism about the likely timescale for implementation of options.
- 2.3 Analysis of feedback in writing, via the questionnaire and email, is in progress. The results of this analysis together with the outcome of other consultations will be used as the basis for the consultants' Option Identification and Assessment Report due in August.
- 2.4 Officers will be reviewing the proposals for improvement along the route with the consultants and this will be the subject of a Task Group meeting in July.
- 2.5 WSP Group will present their findings and recommendations, as agreed by the Task Group, to Members of the Local Committee at their next meeting in September.

- One outstanding issue is the Section 278 Agreement relating to the Broadoaks development in West Byfleet. Planning permission has been granted for this development subject to completion of extensive highway works on the A245 from Sheerwater Road to the Oyster Lane Roundabout. These works extend along the central length of the study corridor and will be taken into account in the recommendations and outcome of the study.
- 2.7 Although the details of these works, including signalisation of roundabouts and improved facilities for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport, have been agreed, the developer has yet to sign the Agreement.
- 2.8 Liaison both at Member and Officer level is continuing with the developer who has given an undertaking to complete the necessary legal formalities shortly.

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