

WOKING LOCAL COMMITTEE
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A322 AND KNAPHILL
BRIEFING PAPER

This briefing paper is for information, summarises progress to date, and gives details about costs associated with the elements of the A322 corridor proposals.

Due to unforeseen circumstances associated with construction work at Brookwood Crossroads traffic signal junction (A322/A324), including the provision of a new widened bridge over the Basingstoke Canal, the cost of implementing this work has risen. Although the apportionment of liability for any increased cost has to be determined, expenditure here and on work either complete or under construction will exceed that available from the Sainsbury Section 106 Agreement.

Schemes where construction has not commenced will be held in abeyance pending recommendation for consideration in a future work programme and or until a future source of funding is identified.

There are four schemes which have not commenced,

- i) A322 pedestrian crossing between Ivydene and Grindstone Crescent;
- ii) A322 junction with Chobham Road, modifications;
- iii) A322 pedestrian crossing south of Broadway; and
- iv) The traffic management scheme for the Broadway.

In the case of i) above alternative funding has been identified and this is reported elsewhere on the agenda.

LIMECROFT ROAD (MODIFIED TRAFFIC SIGNALS)

- Scheme complete.

ADJACENT TO IVYDENE (NEW PELICAN CROSSING)

- New pelican crossing approved by committee 1 July 2002.
- If cycling facilities either side of the crossing are provided in the future, the crossing could be converted to a toucan crossing.
- Local residents raised objections to the proposal and made representations to local Borough and County Members after 1 July 2002.
- Task Group reconvened for two further meetings following the Committee's decision and receipt of residents representations.
- Task Group debated the residents concern about need, congestion, multiplicity of crossings and disturbance to the environment. They were also conscious of the aims to encourage greater movement by walking and public transport, concluding that the scheme should proceed.
- Scheme design due to be completed September.
- No funds available from Sainsbury's Section 106.
- Task Group considers this scheme to be number one priority of remaining schemes.

CHOBHAM ROAD (IMPROVED SIGHTLINE))

- Revised scheme to undertake sightline improvement approved by committee on 1 July 2002.
- Land negotiations nearing completion with owner of “Beaufort House”.
- Anticipated that early planting could take place this winter.
- Scheme design due to be completed September.
- No funds available from Sainsbury’s Section 106.
- Task Group considers this scheme to be joint third priority of remaining schemes.

SPARVELL ROAD (NEW PELICAN CROSSING)

- Original position of signals controller located outside “Mon Choisi”. Owners have objected to this location.
- Revised location on north-west corner of Sparvell Road now agreed.
- Construction has recommenced – A322 southbound approach needs to be resurfaced. Completion anticipated end of September.

SOUTH OF BROADWAY (NEW PELICAN CROSSING)

- Revised scheme to construct pelican crossing approved by committee on 1 July.
- If cycling facilities either side of the crossing are provided in the future, the crossing could be converted to a toucan crossing.
- Scheme design due to be completed September.
- No funds available from Sainsbury’s Section 106.
- Task Group considers this scheme to be the second priority of remaining schemes.

REDDING WAY (MODIFIED TRAFFIC SIGNALS)

- Scheme complete.

CEMETERY PALES (NEW TRAFFIC SIGNALS)

- Kerbs and surfacing complete.
- Traffic signals not to be commissioned until Brookwood Crossroads scheme nearing completion because of impact upon crossroads.

BROOKWOOD CROSSROADS (IMPROVED TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND CANAL CROSSING)

- Original contract period (30 weeks) – programmed completion 11 October.
- Contractor behind programme – mainly due to problems with Statutory Authorities.
- Two week closure at end of August and 24 hour working will enable contractor to complete in November.
- Delays have resulted in increased costs – liability for increased costs has not yet been established.

KNAPHILL IMPROVEMENTS

BROADWAY (TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT)

- Following discussions with public and ambulance service, road tables and kerb build outs have been deleted being replaced by speed cushions.
- Above change notified to residents in early September.
- No funds available from Sainsbury's Section 106.
- Task Group considers this scheme to be joint No 3 priority of remaining schemes.

HERMITAGE ROAD J/W AMIS ROAD (NEW MINI ROUNDABOUTS)

- Woking BC scheme transferred to SCC - construction due to be complete early October.

7.5 TONNES WEIGHT RESTRICTION IN KNAPHILL

- Weight limit to become operational mid-September.

BUS ROUTE 34 (IMPROVED SERVICE BETWEEN GUILDFORD AND CAMBERLEY)

- Proposal to increase frequency of Route 34 between Woking to Camberley from two to four buses an hour.
- Service 34 would be rerouted through Sainsbury's instead of along Limecroft Road.
- Section 106 likely to contribute £1.5 million towards improvements.
- Draft Deed of Variation to Section 106 Agreement signed by SCC, WBC, Sainsbury's – awaiting signature from Health Authority (as at 22 August).
- Target is to introduce new service in early November.

COST OF ABOVE SCHEMES

- Estimated value of Section 106 Agreement funds is £5.271 million (at November 2002 prices). The Agreement stipulates that all works should be completed by 27 November 2002. A further £64,000 is available from funds contributed by the Oak Tree Road developer resulting in a total of £5,335,000.
- The estimated value of works, either completed or under construction, the public transport improvements and development costs associated with other schemes is:

SCHEME	COST
A322 j/w Limecroft Road	£172,000
A322 j/w Sparvell Road	£63,000
A322 j/w Redding Way	£235,000
A322 j/w A324	£2,970,000
A322 j/w Cemetery Pales	£158,000
A324 j/w Amis Road	£146,000
HGV weight restriction	£55,000
Public transport improvements	£1,563,000
Other scheme development costs	£228,000
TOTAL	£5,591,000

- The construction cost of the other four deferred schemes is estimated at:

SCHEME	COST
A322 adjacent to Ivydene	£30,000
A322 j/w Chobham Road	£35,000
A322 south of Broadway	£40,000
Broadway Traffic Management	£169,000
TOTAL	£274,000

There will be additional costs for design, supervision and other Statutory Undertakers work.