



A322 Improvements in Knaphill and Brookwood

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KEY ISSUE:

This report is for information. It summarises scheme progress and finance issues related to Section 106 developer funds for improvements in the Knaphill and Brookwood areas.

SUMMARY:

Developer related funds that had to be used by 27 November 2002 were available to fund a series of improvements in the Knaphill and Brookwood areas.

This report outlines progress to date.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

None – this report is for information.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 At their meeting on 24 November 1999, the Transportation Sub-Committee approved a series of proposals along the A322 that has been developed by a Task Group comprising local Borough and County Councillors. A further report regarding proposals in Knaphill was presented to the Executive on 21 January 2002 and to this Committee on 1 July 2002.
- 1.2 Scheme construction started in October 2001 and is nearing completion. This report summarises the current situation.

2. FINANCIAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As part of the development of the former Brookwood Hospital site, Sainsbury's Supermarkets Limited entered into a Section 106 Agreement with Woking Borough Council and the County Council. This stated that should the bypass not be constructed provision would be made for "suitable alternative improvements to be determined to the existing network" within Knaphill and Brookwood. The agreement stated that all works should be completed by 27 November 2002 otherwise unused funds would be returned to Sainsbury's.
- 2.2 Additional funds were also made available for improvements on the A322 by the developer of the Oak Tree Road, Knaphill development.
- 2.3 By 27 November 2002, all the development related funds had been utilised on the improvements. The additional funds required to complete the works will be provided by Local Transport Plan central funds.

3. SCHEME PROGRESS

- 3.1 Five schemes on the A322 have been constructed or are under construction. These are:
 - A322 j/w Limecroft Road - improved traffic signals (constructed)
 - A322 j/w Sparvell Road - new pelican crossing (constructed)
 - A322 j/w Redding Way - improved traffic signals (constructed)
 - A322 j/w A324 (Brookwood Crossroads) - improved traffic signals
 - A322 j/w Cemetery Pales - new traffic signals
- 3.2 Construction of the Brookwood Crossroads scheme commenced in March 2002 and is due to be substantially completed in January 2003. Further details are to be found below. As the Cemetery Pales traffic signals are linked to those at Brookwood Crossroads this scheme will be completed at the same time.
- 3.3 Two other highway improvements have also been completed:
 - A324 j/w Amis Road - new double mini roundabouts

HGV weight restriction to the east of the A322

- 3.4 Funds from the Section 106 Agreement have also been allocated to the improvement of the route 34 bus service. The frequency of the service has been increased and a new service 35 provided between Woking and Camberley via Deepcut and Frimley Park Hospital. The improved service commenced on 2 November and was formally launched on 29 November. Next financial year, Real Time Passenger Information will be introduced at selected stops and the bus stop infrastructure improved.
- 3.5 Design work on the Knaphill traffic management schemes has not been progressed further and these proposals will be added to the list of schemes that this Committee will consider for construction using Local Transport Plan funds. One further scheme, a puffin crossing on the A322 between Iydyne and Grindstone Crescent, is due for completion this financial year.

4. BROOKWOOD CROSSROADS

- 4.1 Construction of the Brookwood Crossroads scheme commenced in March 2002. The improved traffic signals are programmed to become operational in mid-January 2003 at which time existing delays will be much reduced. The works will be substantially completed by the end of January 2003 subject to no adverse weather conditions. After this, minor off-carriageway works such as fencing and landscaping will be completed.
- 4.2 Substantial completion is approximately three and a half months late compared with the original contract period of 30 weeks or seven months. The main reasons for this delay were problems encountered with the Statutory Authorities such as BT. In some instances they have been late arriving on site and have taken longer to complete their works than anticipated. A further complication was a delay diverting a major fibre optic cable which occurred when the cable company introduced an embargo on its diversion as a result of the Commonwealth Games in July 2002. The delays have resulted in the extension in the time to complete the works.
- 4.3 The longer contract period has increased the cost of the Brookwood Crossroads scheme. Discussions will take place with both the contractor and the Statutory Authorities over the next few months to ascertain where liability for the additional costs lies.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:
