

REDDING WAY – PEDESTRIAN FOOTWAY LINKS

LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR WOKING 26 APRIL 2004

KEY ISSUE:

This report seeks Committee approval for the installation of two short surfaced footway links on Redding Way.

SUMMARY:

Redding Way from the roundabout at The Vyne, west, to the roundabout serving the Sainsburys delivery entrance has no surfaced footway.

West of Tringham Close bus stops are sited on areas of grass. It is proposed to install a tarmacadam footway and crossing point to facilitate pedestrians accessing the stops.

Pedestrians going from Barton Close to The Vyne and Knaphill Village currently walk along the grass verge. It is proposed to install a tarmacadam footway to link with the existing footway and crossing points at The Vyne.

CONSULTATIONS:

County and Borough Councillors for the area, residents directly affected and Surrey Police have been informed of these proposals and no objection or comment has been received.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to agree:-

that the two footway links as shown in Annex A to C (Drawing 11726 to 11728) be constructed.

INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

- Redding Way from the Roundabout at The Vyne, west to the roundabout serving the Sainsburys delivery entrance has no footway (see location Drawing No. 11726 attached at Annex A). A facility was not part of the design for this area of the Brookwood Hospital site. Rather it was envisaged that pedestrians would use paths within the development to access bus stops and Knaphill Village.
- Housing development has now been completed to the South of Redding Way and pedestrian desire lines are becoming apparent. It is desirable that surfaced footway links to bus stops West of Tringham Close and connecting with The Vyne roundabout are installed.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

- Currently the surfaced footways in Tringham Close stop short of its junction with Redding Way. To the West of the junction are a set of bus stops and passengers walk along the grass verge and wait on a grass area at each stop.
- 4. It is proposed that the existing footway on the West of Tringham Close is extended along Redding Way to the stops. A 10 metre long tarmacadam area consisting of drop kerbs with tactile paving and raised bus boarders will be inserted. Passengers can thus wait on a firm surface and cross the road more easily. The raised boarder will assist the disabled, especially those in wheel chairs, the elderly and mothers with young children. The bus is able to lower onto the kerbs allowing direct access without negotiating a step up to its platform. The extent of the proposal is shown at Annex A and B Drawings 11726 and 11727.
- 5. The surfaced footways in Barton Close also stop short of the junction with Redding Way. The intention that pedestrians use footway links within the estate can cause them to initially walk away from their intended destination, in particular The Vyne roundabout and thence to Knaphill Village. They therefore take a direct line along the grass verges to The Vyne roundabout.
- 6. The proposal is to extend the existing footway on the Eastern side of Barton Close along Redding Way to connect with the existing footpath network at The Vyne roundabout. This is shown at Annex A and C Drawings 11726 and 11728.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. This scheme has been allocated £15,000 in the Local Transport Plan Implementation Programme for 2004/2005.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

8. These measures will improve facilties for pedestrians and bus users contributing to the Walking and Passenger Transport strategies.

CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

9. There are no Crime and Disorder Implications

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

10. This proposal will provide improved facilities and access for mobility impaired users of the Highway system.

CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

11. This proposal will provide improved footway links and improved access to bus stops for pedestrians from the new development on Brookwood Hospital site south of Redding Way.

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