



**TRINITY ROAD, KNAPHILL –
FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENTS**

LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR WOKING
26 APRIL 2004

KEY ISSUE:

To consider a proposal to improve Pedestrian facilities in Trinity Road, Knaphill.

SUMMARY:

The manner in which vehicles are parked in Trinity Road, especially when Knaphill School starts or finishes, has raised concerns about the safety of pedestrians.

This proposal would provide improved pedestrian facilities whilst allowing parking in a more controlled manner.

CONSULTATIONS:

County and Borough Councillors for the area and Surrey Police have been informed of this proposal and no objection or comment has been received.

Residents of Trinity Road and the Headmaster of Knaphill School whose comments are included in the body of the report.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to agree:-

that the package of proposals in Trinity Road, Knaphill as shown at Annex A Drawing 11725 be constructed.

INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

1. This proposal is part of the Safe Routes to School Programme. Access for all children to Knaphill School is through Trinity Road. Parents are encouraged to walk their children to school if the distance is reasonable but a number are brought by vehicle. The situation is exacerbated by having a Nursery School at Holy Trinity Church Hall and the presence of Knaphill Lower School both accessed from Chobham Road.
2. Trinity Road, Knaphill is a cul de sac running West to East from Chobham Road providing access to one property and Knaphill School, with a spur South to 9 properties and Holy Trinity Church. The road becomes congested with vehicles at times when children are taken to or collected from the School. Vehicles are parked on the footway and there is general congestion. This has raised safety concerns for those who go to the school on foot including vehicle occupants who themselves become pedestrians in getting to the School gate.
3. This report is concerned with the perceived danger to children and their parents as pedestrians in Trinity Road during these periods. Its implementation would benefit pedestrians generally including users of the Knaphill Recreation Ground and Bowls Club and is intended to encourage more walking.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

4. In accepting the difficulty of persuading drivers to adopt other means of getting to the school it is possible to provide safer and protected footways. This scheme intends to provide footways on both sides of the main arm of Trinity Road with drop crossings and a lay by for vehicle parking opposite the School. It is shown at Annex A Drawing 11725.
5. Elements of the scheme are:-
 - a. Provide a drop crossing with tactile surface at the junction of Chobham Road and Trinity Road. This will improve sight lines for pedestrians and drivers. The existing sub-standard crossing inside Trinity Road will be removed.
 - b. Provide drop crossings with tactile surface at the Southern spur junction and turning head opposite the school. This will assist the mobility impaired, elderly and mothers with young children.
 - c. Insert bollards to prevent footway parking on both sides of Trinity Road from Chobham Road to the Southern spur. The original proposal was to place bollards to the school but this could be considered visually intrusive in the street scene. The type of bollard will be discussed with residents before construction. The bollards will not prevent parking on the Highway at this point. A yellow painted school entrance cage on

the carriageway controls parking close to the school entrance. The lay by described at d. will allow additional vehicle parking. Residents have asked that additional bollards be placed into the Southern spur preventing parking and retaining sight lines at the junction. This will be incorporated into the final scheme.

- d. Opposite the school there is a footway and grass verge beyond it bordering property fences. The School Headmaster, Mr Oakley, was keen to retain a footway at this point. This proposal removes the grass verge replacing it with a tarmacadam footway. The kerb line will be pulled back creating a lay by for vehicle parking. This footway will be continued across the head of the cul de sac towards the school and entrance into the Recreation Ground. A Keep Clear marking will be placed in the turning head. Residents of 7,8 and 9 Trinity Road have expressed concern that the footway close to their boundary may lead to fence damage and litter.
- e. The Headmaster also requested an indication that drivers were entering the area of a school entrance. A raised table as suggested would not be appropriate but a red painted box will be placed on the carriageway.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6. The scheme has been allocated £10,000 in the Local Transportation Plan Implementation Programme for 2005/2006.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 7. This measure will improve facilities for all pedestrians and therefore contribute to the Walking Strategy, in particular Safe Routes to School.

CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 8. There are no Crime and Disorder implications.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 9. This proposal will improve facilities for the mobility impaired.

CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10. The current parking situation in Trinity Road in particular when the Schools are starting or finishing has raised safety concerns for pedestrians. This proposal will bring some regulation to the parking whilst providing good pedestrian conditions for all users on both sides of the Road.

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