



**MONUMENT ROAD  
PROPOSED CYCLE ROUTE**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR WOKING  
14 JULY 2004**

**KEY ISSUE:**

To consider a proposal to provide a cycle route along Monument Road, linking the existing cycle facilities around the Six Crossroads Roundabout with the Basingstoke Canal.

**SUMMARY:**

The opportunity exists to provide a link for cyclists between the existing facilities around the Six Crossroads Roundabout and the Basingstoke Canal towpath. This report provides details of the proposal, which was agreed in outline by the Committee in April 2004.

**CONSULTATIONS:**

The following have been consulted:

Woking Cycle Users' Group

Woking for Pedestrians

Surrey Police

The Divisional Member

The residents of Quintrell Close, and some residents of Lidstone Close

The Surrey Association for the Visually Impaired

The North West Surrey Association of Disabled People

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Committee is asked to agree

- (i) That the proposed cycle route shown on Drawing No. 11764 be approved for construction.

## **INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND**

1. Monument Road runs north-south, linking the Six Crossroads Roundabout with the B382 Old Woking Road and providing access to Maybury and Sheerwater, and to the Basingstoke Canal towpath.
2. There are existing cycle facilities around the Six Crossroads Roundabout giving access to a route alongside the A320 to Ottershaw and Chertsey. The Basingstoke Canal towpath provides a permissive cycle route running east-west through the Woking local area, providing a route between Brookwood, St Johns, Sheerwater and West Byfleet via Woking Town centre. Therefore a cycle route along Monument Road would provide a useful link between the A320 cycle route and the Basingstoke Canal, giving direct access to the east and west, as well as to Sheerwater and Maybury, and would be a further step forward in providing a "joined up" cycle network in Woking and neighbouring districts. .
3. The proposal was first brought to the Committee's attention at its meeting on 22 October 2003 as part of the financial bid for Local Transport Plan funding for 2004/5 and beyond. The proposal was included in the firm programme for 2004/5 which the Committee approved at its meeting on 26 April 2004.

## **ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY**

4. The proposal is shown on Drawing No. 11764 attached to this report at Annex A. There is an existing footway running along the western side of Monument Road, and it is proposed to use this to provide a shared, unsegregated facility for pedestrians and cyclists between Six Crossroads Roundabout and the Basingstoke Canal. The footway is bounded at its back edge by open common land.
5. The path is about 2 metres wide, although the grass on the common has encroached substantially over the back edge of the footway, and this will need to be removed so that the full width of the footway can be utilised. This will then provide adequate width for two-way pedestrian/cycle traffic, given that existing pedestrian flows are very low. There will be enough room for a cyclist to pass a disabled person in a wheelchair, should the need to do so arise. Signs will direct cyclists from the Basingstoke Canal towards Ottershaw and Chertsey, and from Six Crossroads Roundabout towards Maybury. (The Basingstoke Canal Authority permits cycling along the towpath, but is not supportive of its being used as a signed route).
6. Dropped kerbs and tactile paving will be provided on the canal bridge to give access between the proposed route and the towpath east of Monument Road.
7. Certain adjustments to existing signs along the route will need to be made in order to ensure that cyclists do not collide with them.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8. £5,000 has been set aside for the creation of this route in the Local Transport Plan Programme for 2004/5.

### **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS**

9. The proposal is in line with the Local Transport Plan strategy of encouraging more journeys by cycle.

### **CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

10. There are no crime and disorder implications.

### **EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

11. The proposal will not prejudice use of the footway by disabled people in wheelchairs, as mentioned in Para. 5 above.

### **CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

12. The proposal will provide a useful link between existing cycle facilities, helping to provide a “joined up” cycle network, in line with the Local Transport Plan strategy of encouraging more journeys by cycle.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS: None**

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