



# **SMARTS HEATH ROAD RAILWAY BRIDGE – PEDESTRIAN FACILITY**

## **LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR WOKING 14 OCTOBER 2004**

### **KEY ISSUE:**

To consider for final approval the proposal to provide a pedestrian footway over the railway bridge at Smarts Heath Road.

### **SUMMARY:**

At its meeting of 28 January 2004 the Committee agreed an option to provide a footpath and incorporate traffic calming on the railway bridge at Smarts Heath Road, Mayford.

The Committee asked that the finished proposal be brought before the Committee for final approval prior to detailed design and installation in the 2005 – 2006 financial year.

**CONSULTATIONS:**

Mayford Village Society

306 Mayford Village Residents

Ward and Divisional Members

Woking for Pedestrians

Surrey Police

Surrey County Council Structures and Traffic Signal groups

Forum of Mayford Residents on 8 September.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Committee is asked to agree:

**that the proposal to provide a footway across the railway bridge on Smarts Heath Road is approved for construction**

## **INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND**

1. At its meeting of 28 January 2004 the Committee approved the building of a footway across the railway bridge on Smarts Heath Road with vehicular traffic controlled by traffic lights.
2. The Committee asked that the proposal was brought back with more detail for final approval prior to construction.

## **ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY**

3. The existing footway on either side of the bridge will be joined to provide a continuous footway across the bridge. Vehicles will proceed across the bridge in single file controlled by traffic signals. The lay out is shown at Annex A (Drawing 401).
4. Surveys conducted for the proposal revealed vehicle speeds in excess of the 30 mph speed limit and traffic calming will be installed. The main features are: -
  - a. entry gate treatment to replace the existing 30 mph limit signs at each entrance to the village. This will include large 30 mph signs with "MAYFORD" Please drive carefully" and an indication that police speed cameras operate all on a yellow backing. The carriageway will be treated with Dragons teeth on red painted surface.
  - b. An interactive 30 mph sign which will flash the speed limit to drivers exceeding the speed limit installed at a suitable location after the feature at a. Consultations will be held with any resident's affected by the proposed position.
  - c. A yellow painted box marking at the junction of Smarts heath Road and Saunders Lane to allow vehicle egress.
5. These measures were made available for inspection during a resident's forum at Mayford Village Hall on Wednesday 8 September. During this forum a suggestion was put forward for a trial of the scheme to be held before full implementation. On investigation officers have concluded that this cannot be implemented in a safe manner without introducing most of the features to be incorporated in the finished scheme.
6. Surrey County Council has a rolling programme of improvements to prevent vehicles running off the road onto railway lines. This site will be brought forward in the programme and works to place 30 metres of Armco barrier on each side of both parapets incorporated in the scheme.

7. Concerns were expressed at the Mayford Forum about the type of vehicles using the narrow Kemishford Bridge on Smarts Heath Lane and resultant damage. There was also a concern that when the traffic lights are installed on the railway bridge some motorists may divert through Kemishford. A narrowing will be inserted on either side of the bridge with a priority system. This will improve sight lines by positioning vehicles towards the centre of the bridge and prevent larger vehicles from using the bridge, in particular to enter or exit the Martlands Estate.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8. £ 85,000 has been allocated in the 2005/06 financial year.

## **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS**

9. This proposal will encourage more essential and leisure journeys by pedestrians.

## **CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

10. There are no Crime and Disorder implications.

## **EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

11. The installation of a footway will improve conditions for the disabled who currently are unable to safely cross the bridge.

## **CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

12. The installation of the footway was approved by Committee and these proposals allow it to be safely installed for the benefit of all pedestrians in particular the residents of Mayford.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS: Nil**

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