

WOODHAM LANE (A245) JUNCTION WITH MARTYRS LANE – PROPOSED JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT

LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR WOKING 6 APRIL 2005

KEY ISSUE:

To inform the Committee of progress on implementing changes to the junction of Martyrs Lane and the A245 Woodham Lane, to improve safety.

SUMMARY:

A problem involving personal injury collisions at the junction of Martyrs Lane and A245 Woodham Lane has been identified. A change to the junction to improve safety is part of the 2005/6 Work Programme. The problem is under investigation and a full report will be brought before the Committee in July 2005.

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CONSULTATIONS:

So far, some local residents and businesses, as well as the Police, have been consulted. However, further consultations will need to be carried out before any proposals are finalised.

The Divisional Member is aware of progress to date.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

- 1. Martyrs Lane is an unclassified road, some 850 metres in length, and rural in character, connecting the A320 Chertsey Road and the A245 Woodham Lane. Near its northern end is a household waste site.
- 2. Included in the work programme for 2005/6 is a scheme to carry out safety improvements to the junction of Martyrs Lane and Woodham Lane. Such an improvement will facilitate the introduction of cycle facilities on Woodham Lane, (currently programmed for 2006/7), and will provide the opportunity for improved access to the household waste site, which has been raised by Members as a concern.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

- 3. The project is at an early stage; traffic surveys have been completed, and consultations with stakeholders are in progress. Several possible options for a junction improvement will be explored before a further report is brought before the Committee in July:
 - A complete closure of Martyrs Lane at its junction with Woodham Lane
 - Making Martyrs Lane wholly or partly one way
 - Making the Martyrs Lane/Woodham Lane junction "left in left out" only
 - Installing traffic signals at the Martyrs Lane/Woodham Lane junction
 - Constructing a roundabout at the Martyrs Lane/Woodham Lane junction

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. A sum of £45,000 has been set aside for improvements to this junction during the current financial year.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

5. Any improvement implemented should reduce casualties, in line with LTP targets.

CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

6. There are no crime and disorder implications.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

7. There are no equalities implications.

CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

8. A road safety problem at the junction of Martyrs Lane and A245 Woodham Lane has been identified. A junction improvement is programmed for the current financial year, and a full report will be brought before the Committee in July 2005.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: None

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