



**CHURCH HILL/ARTHURS BRIDGE
ROAD/BREWERY ROAD**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR WOKING
20 OCTOBER 2005**

KEY ISSUE:

To consider proposals for the introduction of a roundabout at the junction with pedestrian crossing points.

SUMMARY:

The junction of Church Hill, Arthurs Bridge Road and Brewery Road has no facilities to assist pedestrians in crossing each road. Woking Local Transportation Service has received requests from residents to provide these facilities.

This proposal is to place a small roundabout at the junction, which in turn allows a crossing point on each arm with a central refuge large enough to accommodate a wheel chair or parent with buggy/pram.

The construction will require changes to the existing road lay out including reconfiguring the entrance of Kirby Road. This will act to reduce vehicle speeds and assist pedestrians travelling along Arthurs

Bridge Road.

CONSULTATIONS:

County Divisional and Borough Ward members

Residents immediately affected

Surrey Police

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to agree

that the roundabout and pedestrian facilities shown on Drawing 11465-1 be approved for construction.

INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

1. The committee received a paper at its meeting of 6 April 2005 reporting on a number of completed and intended schemes for the Horsell area. The County Council Executive has allocated funding for improvements in Horsell (17 February 2004 item 10 paragraph 18).

2. Paragraph 12 of item 14 Horsell Improvements, report to Local Committee:-

“Brewery Road j/w Arthurs Bridge Road and Church Hill – junction alterations

Following the widening of the footway along Church Hill, the proposal at this junction is to provide appropriate pedestrian crossing facilities that will enable all persons to use the enhanced footway.

An opportunity also therefore exists to influence vehicle speed by modifying the characteristics of the carriageway. A small roundabout situated at the junction, with pedestrian provision, would meet the above criteria.”

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

3. Currently the junction where Brewery Road meets Arthurs Bridge Road and Church Hill has no dedicated facility for a pedestrian to cross any one of the three arms. In Arthurs Bridge Road pedestrians walked across a grass verge and then crossed via a vehicle splitter island towards Horsell Village.

4. Residents have asked Woking Local Transportation Service on many occasions whether a crossing facility could be provided, especially across Brewery Road. The scheme described below will improve conditions for all pedestrians in particular parents taking their children to school.

5. The proposal shown at Annex A, Drawing 11465-1 will provide a small roundabout at the junction which itself will require modifications to the existing carriageway. Together these will act to reduce vehicle speeds in particular on Brewery Road and Church Hill.

6. Pedestrian crossing points have been positioned on each arm of the junction with a central refuge of sufficient width to accommodate a person in a wheelchair or parent with pram/buggy.

7. The existing wide junction at Kirby Road will be modified. In its present configuration inappropriate vehicle speeds can be achieved on the approach to what will become a roundabout. A reconfigured junction with deflection will reduce speeds. It will also enable pedestrians to cross the road in a safer manner. On the northern side of the Kirby Road a new footway will be constructed to the existing footway.

8. The area is currently used by commuters and visitors to the nearby health club for parking. Appropriate measures will be introduced at the key points, in particular the junction of Kirby Road and Arthurs Bridge Road with Brewery Road to prevent this parking.

9. This proposal will link with the recently completed widening of the footway in Church Hill and the proposal at agenda Item 14 to improve pedestrian facilities for pedestrians going to or from Horsell Village.
10. The scheme is within a conservation area and should it progress consultation will be undertaken with the appropriate Officer at Woking Borough Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. The scheme will be funded from the centrally held sum that is available for improvement measures in Woking, specifically Horsell, reported to the County Council Executive dated 17 February 2004.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

12. The provision of the roundabout with pedestrian facilities will encourage more walking journeys.

CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 13 There are no Crime and Disorder implications.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 14 There are no Equalities implications

CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 15 Requests have been made by residents for crossing points at this junction. The construction of a roundabout enables these to be safely installed on each arm whilst the necessary changes to the road layout will act to reduce vehicle speed.
- 16 The proposed alteration of the junction at Kirby Road is necessary to prevent vehicles entering the new facility too fast and make it easier and safer for pedestrians to cross.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Local Committee report April 2005

SCC Executive report February 2004

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