



WOODHAM LANE / MARTYRS LANE INTERIM IMPROVEMENTS

**LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR WOKING
20 OCTOBER 2005**

KEY ISSUE:

To consider proposals to introduce cycle lanes on Woodham Lane and interactive signs on Woodham Lane and Martyrs Lane.

SUMMARY:

A problem involving personal injury collisions at the junction of Martyrs Lane and A245 Woodham Lane has been identified. In addition, there is a speeding problem on Woodham Lane. It is also desirable to improve cycle accessibility in the area. The introduction of measures to address these points forms part of the 2005/6 Work Programme. The feasibility study of easing problems at the Civic Amenity site continues.

This report describes proposals to improve safety at the Woodham Lane/Martyrs Lane junction, to reduce speeding on Woodham Lane and increase cycle accessibility are described below.

CONSULTATIONS:

The following have been consulted:

The Divisional Member

Surrey Police

Woking Cycle Users' Group

All residents of Woodham Lane will be consulted before the proposals are introduced.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to agree

that the proposals set out in paragraphs 4 and 5 of this report be implemented, subject to consultation with residents of Woodham Lane.

INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

1. The Committee received an interim report in July 2005, outlining the work that had been carried out to date and explaining the various options for the improvement of the Woodham Lane/Martyrs Lane junction which would be investigated.
2. As measures to improve traffic circulation within the Civic Amenity site have not yet taken place, it would be sensible to delay implementation of any highway proposals, as the congestion problem may be solved when the changes to the internal layout of the site take place.
3. However, measures to reduce speeding on Woodham Lane and to improve safety and cycle accessibility are described below. These are permanent measures which can be introduced independently, whether or not any future changes take place at the Woodham Lane/Martyrs Lane junction.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

4. In order to address the concerns of Woodham Lane residents about speeding, and to improve safety at the Woodham Lane/Martyrs Lane junction, the following measures are proposed:
 - The introduction of cycle lanes on both sides of Woodham Lane for its entire length. This will provide a link between Woking Cycle Network Route 4 at Six Crossroads Roundabout, and the B385 route to Woodham, which is traffic calmed, and onward to Addlestone. Equally importantly, it will help to reduce vehicle speeds on Woodham Lane, since the carriageway will appear to be narrower. It will be necessary, for the time being, to discontinue the cycle lane markings in the vicinity of the Martyrs Lane junction, due to the presence of two traffic islands. There is not enough room between the traffic islands and the kerb edge to mark out the cycle lanes.
 - The introduction of two permanent interactive signs on Woodham Lane, one on each approach to Martyrs Lane. These will illuminate to warn any drivers exceeding the speed limit that they are approaching a junction, and instruct them to slow down.
 - The introduction of a permanent interactive sign on Martyrs Lane to alert southbound drivers to the presence of Woodham Lane, and the fact that they must "Give Way". There have been instances of drivers failing to "Give Way" at the junction and overshooting Woodham Lane. The sign would only operate for drivers exceeding a pre-determined speed.
5. The proposals are shown on Drawing No. 12025 attached at Annex A and Drawing No. 13039 attached at Annex B.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The cost of these measures is estimated to be £16,000 being funded from the Committee's Local Transport Plan allocations for the current financial year.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

7. The proposals will help to reduce the accident rate at the Woodham Lane/Martyrs Lane junction, in line with LTP targets.

CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

8. The proposals will help to reduce the number of drivers exceeding the speed limit on Woodham Lane.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9. There are no equalities implications.

CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

10. There is a road safety problem at the junction of Martyrs Lane and A245 Woodham Lane. Residents of Woodham Lane are concerned about speeding on this road. The proposals will address these problems, as well as providing a useful cycle link between Six Crossroads Roundabout and Addlestone.

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