



Cycle Route 6 – Woking to Byfleet via Pyrford – Proposed Infrastructure

**Local Committee (Woking)
28 February 2007**

KEY ISSUE:

To consider various proposals to enable Cycle Route 6, from Woking to Byfleet via Pyrford, to be completed.

SUMMARY:

Cycle Route 6, from Woking to Byfleet via Pyrford, has been identified as one of the routes radiating from Woking Town Centre to the outlying village centres. Part of the route, from Woking to Old Woking Road in Maybury, is already in place. This report gives details of the proposed infrastructure required to complete the route.

CONSULTATIONS:

Trustees of Pyrford Common (Horsell Common Preservation Society)

Woking Cycle Users' Group

Appropriate Ward and Divisional Members

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to agree

- (i) that the proposed route described in paras. 3 to 11 below be approved for construction;**
- (ii) that an order be advertised, under the Cycle Tracks Act 1984 to convert the relevant parts of Public Footpath No. 73 to shared use by pedestrians and cyclists, and**
- (iii) that authority be delegated to the Local Transportation Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Divisional Members, to consider and determine any objections.**

INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

1. Surrey County Council, as part of its Local Transport Plan (LTP), is committed to promoting cycling as a mode of transport, and has set itself a target to increase cycling trips by at least 20% by 2010/11. To promote cycling and achieve this target the County Council has identified a number of routes radiating from Woking railway station as the “Hub” to the outlying village centres and local railway stations. One such route, Cycle Route 6, links Woking with Pyrford and Byfleet.
2. Part of the route, from Woking to Old Woking Road in Maybury, is already in place. However, a number of measures need to be implemented to enable the route to continue from Old Woking Road to Byfleet.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

3. The route is shown on a Location Plan attached at Annex A, and utilises footpaths, bridleways and quiet roads throughout its length, thus providing an attractive and useful link between Woking and Byfleet.
4. From Old Woking Road, the route continues into Pyrford Common Road. There is a traffic island in Old Woking Road, immediately south-west of the junction, and this will be widened to enable cyclists to gain access to the footway on the south-east side of Old Woking Road. This in turn leads to a footpath which gives access to Pyrford Common Road, emerging into the road by the entrance to the Borough Council’s car park and playground. Both the footway and footpath, which are within the public highway and which will be widened, will be signed as being for shared use by cyclists and pedestrians.
5. The route continues for approximately 350 metres along Pyrford Common Road, before turning left along a short metalled footpath (Public Footpath No. 73) which leads to Hamilton Avenue and Lovelace Drive. It will be necessary to make an Order under the Cycle Tracks Act 1984 to convert this footpath to shared use.
6. The route follows Hamilton Avenue and Lovelace Drive to another section of Public Footpath No. 73 which leads into Teggs Lane and gives access to Coldharbour Road. Where the route passes between houses and has a high fence on each side, suitable half-barriers will be installed to ensure cyclists do not travel at inappropriate speeds, and signs requesting cyclists to give way to pedestrians will be erected. Again, it will be necessary to make an Order under the Cycle Tracks Act 1984 to convert this footpath to shared use.
7. From the end of Teggs Lane, the route follows Coldharbour Road, Engliff Lane, Boltons Lane and Pyrford Road, with no specific provision for cyclists apart from direction signs. The route then enters Dodds Lane, which is a public bridleway. Cyclists may legally use public bridleways, and therefore no Orders are necessary, although the route will need to be resurfaced.

8. The bridleway leads to Dodds Bridge, on the Wey Navigation, and to the canal towpath which is also a public bridleway. The approaches to Dodds Bridge are very steep and therefore it will be necessary for cyclists to dismount when crossing this structure.
9. The towpath leads to Murrays Bridge, where the route turns into Murrays Lane, and this crosses over the M25 motorway and leads to Rectory Lane in Byfleet. From here, cyclists can use Rectory Lane or Brewery Lane to reach the centre of the village.
10. Suitable signs, giving destinations and distances, will be erected at key points throughout the route.
11. Footpaths and bridleways will be widened and/or resurfaced as appropriate.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

12. A total of £65,000 has been set aside within the five year programme for the implementation of this scheme during 2007/8 and 2008/9.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

13. The route will provide an attractive route between Woking and Byfleet, thus improving accessibility for cyclists, and encouraging more cycling trips, in line with the LTP.

CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

14. There are no crime and disorder implications.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

15. There are no equalities implications.

CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

16. The County Council is committed to encouraging more trips by cycle. Route 6, once completed, will provide a useful and largely traffic-free cycle route from Byfleet to Woking via Pyrford.

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Background Papers: None
