



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(WOKING)**

**A247 KINGFIELD ROAD, KINGFIELD – PROPOSED TOUCAN
CROSSING
31 OCTOBER 2007**

KEY ISSUE

To consider a proposal to provide a Toucan crossing on the A247 Kingfield Road, by Westfield Avenue

SUMMARY

A Toucan light-controlled crossing is proposed for the A247 Kingfield Road by Westfield Avenue. The consultation exercise carried out has shown overwhelming support for the proposal.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Woking) is asked to agree that:

- (i) the proposed Toucan crossing shown on Drawing No. 12437A be approved for construction, and**
- (ii) the necessary Notice be published in the local press.**

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Kingfield Road forms part of the A247 linking Woking and Old Woking to the A25 and carries high volumes of traffic. Frontage development is predominantly residential. By Westfield Avenue there is a traffic island, slightly sub-standard in width, but which enables pedestrians and cyclists to cross the road in two stages. This crossing point is on Route 5 of the Woking Cycle Network, which runs from Woking to Guildford via Sutton Green.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 It is proposed to replace the traffic island with a light-controlled Toucan crossing, as shown on Drawing No. 12437A attached at Annex A. This will enable pedestrians and cyclists to cross the road in a single movement. The crossing will improve access between Woking Park and Westfield for both pedestrians and cyclists

3 OPTIONS

- 3.1 Because of the need to allow both cyclists and pedestrians to cross the road, no other options have been considered.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 The following have been consulted: Local residents, local County and Borough Councillors, local schools, the Christopher Robin Day Nursery, Woking Cycle Users' Group, the Moor Lane Residents' Association, Woking Access Group and the Police. A plan showing the proposals was also put on display at Woking Leisure Centre. All respondents were in favour of the proposal.

5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The cost of the crossing is estimated to be £60,000, funded from the Committee's Local Allocation.

6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The facility will make crossing the road safer for blind or visually impaired pedestrians, and pedestrians pushing buggies, as well as assisting cyclists.

7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no crime and disorder implications.

8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 There is currently no formal crossing to enable pedestrians and cyclists to travel between Westfield and Woking Park over the busy A247 Kingfield Road. Therefore the provision of a Toucan crossing, as described above, is recommended.

9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The proposed Toucan crossing will make it safer and easier for pedestrians and cyclists to cross Kingfield Road.

10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 10.1 If the Committee agrees that the crossing should be provided, then the scheme will be designed in detail and constructed on site during the 2008/9 financial year.

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