



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
WOKING**

**RESPONSE TO PETITION REGARDING CYCLE
FACILITIES ALONG PARVIS ROAD**

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KEY ISSUE

To advise the Committee of the response to a petition received regarding concerns about the lack of cycle facilities along the A245 Parvis Road, between West Byfleet and Byfleet.

SUMMARY

A petition containing 147 signatures, urging Surrey County Council to provide off-road cycle facilities along Parvis Road, was presented to the Local Committee on 12 October 2011.

Wording of Petition

"We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to add a cyclepath on the A245 Parvis Road West Byfleet."

Concerns

There are concerns about the lack of off-road cycle facilities along the Parvis Road, which requires cyclists to ride on this busy A-road between West Byfleet and Byfleet.

Officer response

The A245 Parvis Road is an important part of the highway network and carries a large number of Heavy Goods Vehicles. There are currently no cycle facilities along the road and as a result cyclists have to ride on the road. Some cyclists prefer to ride on the footway on the North side of the road but this is not a shared facility and is narrow in places.

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A shared use facility is planned to be provided as part of the Broadoaks development, but delays and other problems associated with this development mean that the timescale for release of funds for this work is far from clear and it could be months or years before this work is undertaken.

An alternative to this planned scheme is the widening of the footway on the North side of the road. Although detailed design has yet to be undertaken, there is potential scope to remove areas of verge and overhanging vegetation to widen it sufficiently to provide a shared use cycle / footway.

Whilst this work will undoubtedly be cheaper than providing a brand new facility on the South side of the road (which remains desirable), it is clear that the cost will still be significant. There is a potential source of funding for this work, which is the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) Large Fund Bid. This bid for central Government funds included proposals for a shared use facility between West Byfleet and Byfleet, and subject to the success of this bid work can be funded from that source. The bid was submitted to the Department for Transport in December 2011 and is currently being considered by DfT.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

DfT will announce the result of the LSTF Large Fund Bid in June 2012. The shared use facility along Parvis Road is included in a draft programme of LSTF work for construction during 2012/13 and if the bid is successful, work will commence as soon as possible after the DfT announcement.

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