

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)****DATE: 24th FEBRUARY 2014****LEAD OFFICER: NICK HEALEY, AREA TEAM MANAGER****SUBJECT: ROAD SAFETY, LONG DITTON****DIVISION: THE DITTONS****SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

This report updates members following the Petition by Mr. Williams at the November Committee 2012 highlighting safety concerns generally in the vicinity of the Long Ditton Schools. The Committee subsequently approved that a feasibility study is carried out to determine, the most appropriate solution, to the petitioner's requests, subject to the funding for the feasibility being provided by the Divisional Member's next year's allocation. A feasibility study was commissioned to explore possible solutions to address these concerns, and this study has now been completed.

RECOMMENDATIONS:**The Local Committee (Elmbridge) is asked to:**

- (i) Authorise the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Member to undertake the necessary legal procedures to facilitate the future introduction of the traffic calming measures and reduced speed limit identified in the report, together with appropriate public consultation.
- (ii) Authorise the legal advertising, and assuming that no objections are received, that the implementation of the road table element and signing identified in the report (para 4.1 and 4.2) immediately outside the school, be carried out. This is to be funded from the Divisional Member, Peter Hickman's, allocation 2014/15.
- (iii) Authorise the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Member to look to resolve any objections received in this process.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations are made to facilitate the implementation of the measures identified by the feasibility study, in the event that funding is identified.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 A Petition was submitted to the November 2012 meeting of the Local Committee, signed by 197 residents, concerning safety, speed and volume of vehicular traffic in the vicinity of Long Ditton Infants School and St Mary's Junior School.
- 1.2 The Petition also requested a 20 mph zone encompassing both Long Ditton and St Mary's schools, traffic calming, and a pedestrian crossing at the Infants School in the form of a raised table.
- 1.3 Committee approved that a feasibility study be carried out to determine, the most appropriate solution, to the petitioner's requests, with funding for the feasibility being provided by the Divisional Member's allocation 2013/14.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 A feasibility study has been completed and is included as Annex A to this report. The study includes a complete analysis of traffic conditions and the relevant accident history, and considers the measures requested by the petitioners in November 2012.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 The feasibility study identified a package of options that could be implemented, if funding were to be made available. The benefits of these options are detailed in the feasibility study in Annex A. Any combination of these options would be feasible from a technical point of view:
- 3.2 Providing a raised table at the existing uncontrolled crossing facility outside Long Ditton Infants School at an estimated cost £14,000.
- 3.3 Improving all of the school warning signs at an estimated cost £10,000.
- 3.4 Providing additional traffic calming measures in order to introduce a 20mph zone consisting of the following options:
 - a. Ewell Road at an estimated cost of £16500
 - b. Sugden Road at an estimated cost of £18000
 - c. Rectory Lane at an estimated cost of £4000
 - d. Fleece Road at an estimated cost of £7000 (Ewell Rd & Ditton Hill Rd)
 - e. Fleece Road at an estimated cost of £8000 (East of Ditton Hill Rd)
 - f. Ditton Hill Road at an estimated cost of £35000
- 3.5 The Divisional Member has made £24,000 available to implement the improvements identified in paragraph 3.2 and 3.3 outside the school for the next Financial Year.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 Public consultation will be required in the development of the traffic-calming scheme as raised devices such as road tables and cushions necessitate legal notices advising residents of the proposed locations of measures.
- 4.2 In the event that objections are received regarding the raised table, the further speed cushions, and reduced speed limit, then the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Member will look to resolve any objections received.
- 4.3 If a resolution cannot be found then this will need to be brought back to the Local Committee for resolution.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 The financial implications are detailed above in section 3, and also in the feasibility report in Annex A.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 It is an objective of Surrey Highways to treat all users of the public highway equally and with understanding.

7. LOCALISM:

- 7.1 The measures identified in the feasibility study are in response to perceived concerns raised by the local community. The Divisional Member has prioritised funding to implement part of the measures identified, as these are considered to be local priorities.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

- 8.1 A well-managed highway network can contribute to reduction in crime and disorder as well as improve people's perception of crime.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 9.1 A package of various measures has been identified to address perceived concerns raised by the local community in Long Ditton. Funding has been identified to implement part of the measures identified.
- 9.2 Officers will explore what funding opportunities might arise to implement further packages identified in the report. Failing this the Committee will need to decide in future years what, if any, other elements of the solution they would wish to prioritise.
- 9.3 It is hoped that as the different measures are implemented, the perceived concerns within the local community will diminish.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 10.1 Officers will complete the detailed design for all the measures identified in the feasibility study.

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- 10.2 Officers will arrange for the consultation and implementation of the Road Table outside the school, and associated improved warning signs, as the Divisional Member has undertaken to fund is these from his 2014/15 allocation.

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- **Contact Officer:** Nick Healey, Area Team Manager (NE)
 - **Consulted:** Divisional Member.
 - **Annexes:** 3
 - **Sources/background papers:** None.
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