



LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND
RESPONSES**

20 JUNE 2014

1. From Mr Christopher Peck (Farncombe)

Q1: Waverley Local Plan policy M7

Waverley Local Plan policy M7 identifies two elements of a Godalming cycle network, including "a new footpath and cycle route, with associated footbridges over the River Wey, between the Wey Inn roundabout and the road behind the Homebase store." Such a route provides a quiet alternative to Bridge Road and would allow safer access to and from the new developments at the Key Site and Catteshall Lane and Farncombe railway station, leisure centre and Broadwater School. What steps are being taken by Surrey County Council and Waverley Borough Council to implement this route ?

Q2: Implementation of the Surrey Cycling Strategy

Page 24 of the Surrey Cycling Strategy (Chapter 9: Implementation) places an action on each of Surrey's local committees to 'Oversee production of district and borough cycling plans' by the end of 2015. How does the Waverley Local Committee intend to fulfil this action ?

Response

Q1 At the time that the Waverley Borough Local Plan was adopted in 2002, the Godalming cycle way mentioned by Mr Peck was considered significantly important and was therefore included as a strategic cycle route in Policy M7 of the Local Plan.

Waverley Borough Council continues to recognise the importance of this route and is aware that the Waverley Cycle Forum has included this cycle scheme in its latest list. However, whilst the Borough Council collects the contributions from developers through s106 agreements that go towards

transport schemes, it is up to the County Council to determine their implementation.

Local highways schemes are identified and prioritised by the Local Committee's local task groups for decision by the Local Committee; to date the scheme described in the question has not been promoted by the Godalming, Milford and Witley Task Group. However, it should be noted that the proposed route is not on highways-owned land but is entirely contained within common land.

Q2 It is hoped that the Local Committee will consider its approach to developing the Waverley Cycling Strategy at its meeting on 26 September 2014.

2. From Ms Caroline Homfray

The Waverley Local Plan policy M7 sets out two elements of a Godalming cycle network, including "widening the public footpath between Marshall Road and Chalk Road to form a shared footpath and cycle route." A wider footpath at this point would be beneficial to both people on foot and on bikes, but will particularly help those using wheelchairs and pushing buggies, as widths are currently restricted. What steps are being taken by Surrey County Council and Waverley Borough Council to ensure that the long-delayed Marshall Road footpath widening is completed in this financial year ?

Response

Surrey County Council Highway Officers are currently working closely with Jewson's to secure the acquisition of the privately-owned land required to enable construction of the cycle path, which is provisionally programmed to start in September/October 2014. Funding has been set aside for this project.