



SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN ELMBRIDGE – 16 June 2014

AGENDA ITEM 8

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Question 1: Tony Nockles

Road Safety Audit – Cigarette Island Lane

I would like to know the status of the audit and whether, indeed, it will be conducted in accordance with SoRSA guidelines?

The Chairman will give the following response:

Surrey County Council's Safety Audit Team have reviewed the site and completed a report recording their views. The terms of reference of a Safety Audit are described in HD 19/04. This provides for the road safety implications of a proposed highway improvement scheme to be examined and reported. In this case no scheme has been proposed for the access road to Cigarette Island other than the hypothetical controlled crossing previously requested. Therefore it is not possible to conduct a Road Safety Audit according to the terms of HD 19/04. Nevertheless the Safety Audit Team has examined the existing site, considered the hypothetical controlled crossing and reported their findings.

The Safety Audit Team's findings concur with the views of the Area Team Manager, that there is no technical justification for a controlled crossing at this location. The Safety Audit Team go further and suggest that a controlled crossing would make the situation worse. It is suggested that visibility could be improved at the existing uncontrolled crossing. It would be the Local Committee's prerogative to take this suggestion forwards and allocate funding for feasibility, detailed design and construction. This would need to be coordinated with any other works in the near vicinity.

There remains no technical justification whatsoever for a controlled crossing in the access road to Cigarette Island. The Road Safety Auditor's report suggests that such a crossing could make the situation worse. In spite of this the Local Committee could instruct officers to undertake a feasibility study against officer advice to investigate the suggested controlled crossing further. However it is highly unlikely that any feasibility study would draw different technical conclusions from those already provided to Committee. Therefore it is strongly recommended that Committee choose between one of the two following options to conclude this matter:

- 1) Investigate a realignment of the existing uncontrolled crossing to improve visibility, and allocate the funding necessary for this;
- 2) Resolve to take no further action.

Committee should note that all its Highways funding for the current Financial Year 2014-15 is already committed, and that any reallocation of this Financial Year's Highways funding would result in a scheme or schemes elsewhere being deferred to the following Financial Year 2015-16. Committee could allocate funding for the following Financial Year 2015-16 from its Highways budgets freely as no commitments have yet been made against next Financial Year's Highways budgets.

Question 2: MARK SUGDEN

Can SCC provide an update on the status of the Youth Centre in Claygate and reassure residents that there will be continued local Youth provision in Claygate in the future?

The Chairman will give the following response:

Surrey County Council is currently working with the Management Committee and users of Claygate Youth Centre to secure the future of the centre and provision within. A full assessment of the condition of the building is being prepared so as to understand the extent of repairs necessary to bring the building in line with Surrey County Council property standards.

Within the Services for Young People Centre-Based Youth Work commission, provision at Claygate Youth Centre is classified as a satellite youth centre and as such carries a staffing allocation and budget for activities; this is set until 31 March 2015. Proposals for re-commissioning from 1 April 2015, outline plans that will give the Local Committee greater say over how resources, including youth work in centres, are allocated according to local need going forward. This is to help ensure that the services provided are tailored, taking into account the local context, to best meet the needs of young people within the borough. All commissions will be working towards outcomes in the newly agreed Services for Young People Outcomes Framework and will be aimed at local needs. The Local Committee will agree priorities and where resources should be targetted, and because of this, no decisions have as yet, been made regarding Services for Young People resources from 1 April 2015.