

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)

DATE: 1 December 2014

LEAD OFFICER: Paul Fishwick, Project Manager, Transport Policy

SUBJECT: Runnymede Major Schemes

DIVISION: Egham and Englefield Green

**SUMMARY OF ISSUES:**

This paper is to update members on the current status and feedback from the EM3 LEP for the Runnymede Major Schemes, namely Runnymede Roundabout and Egham Sustainable Transport Package.

The Runnymede roundabout and Egham sustainable transport package are two separate Major Projects but located within the Egham area and adjoin each other. They will both require approvals from this committee for certain items and to enable notices and legal orders to be processed.

Both projects are currently programmed to commence works in the 2015/16 financial year.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Runnymede) is asked to agree :

- (i) To note the progress made so far with the Major Schemes submission.
- (ii) To approve the schedules set out in Annex A, and plans attached as Annex B:
- (iii) That if objections are received to advertisement of the legal notices and traffic orders, the Area Team Manager is authorised to try to resolve them in consultation with the chairman, vice chairman, divisional members and project manager, and decide whether or not they should be acceded to and therefore whether the orders should be made, with or without modification.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To ensure that the Local Committee are kept informed, the Local Committee are asked to note the progress made so far with the two Major Scheme projects in Egham. Both projects require a number of approvals for example to allow for the installation of toucan crossings, placement of bus stop clearways, allowing cycling on footways and to process an application through the Cycle Tracks Order route.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 The Local Committee received a report at their meeting on 30 September 2013 that provided a briefing update on the development of Major schemes within the Egham area and requested approval to carry out a consultation on both projects (minute 23/13 refers)..
- 1.2 There have been further updates, relating to this subject, to the Local Committee on 9 June and 29 September 2014 (minute 33/14 and 09/12 refers).
- 1.3 Both the Runnymede Roundabout and the Egham Sustainable Transport Package have been developed in tandem and were submitted to the EM3 LEP on 16 September 2014 (Egham Sustainable Transport Package) and 30 September 2014 (Runnymede Roundabout).
- 1.4 If both schemes are successful it is anticipated to commence the Egham Sustainable Transport Package scheme in April 2015 and the Runnymede roundabout scheme in September 2015 (the delay is due to the Magna Carta 800th anniversary celebrations).

2. ANALYSIS:

Runnymede roundabout and Egham sustainable transport package

- 2.1 The two Major schemes have been developed further and initial design has been completed. Detailed design has commenced on both projects to enable them to be ready for tender/contractor documentation and implementation.
- 2.2 Advanced utility diversionary works may be able to start during the April and May period of 2015 for the Runnymede roundabout project.
- 2.3 Both projects have now been substantially developed and a general arrangement plan submitted with each of the business cases
- 2.4 Approvals for certain items, advertisement of legal orders and Notices for both projects is now required and these are provided at Annexes **A and B**.

A30 Egham By-pass near Hummer Road

- 2.5 During the consultation, many residents asked about a 'light controlled' crossing at this location. Taking into consideration the close proximity of the *Runnymede Fields* and the 800 year celebration of the signing of the *Magna Carta* in June 2015, there is a likelihood of increased numbers of people accessing the *Runnymede Fields* as well as the other tourist sites via this crossing.
- 2.6 A survey of people crossing the A30 Egham By-pass near Hummer Road was carried out in June 2014 and the results are attached in Annex C.
- 2.7 With the above in mind, it is likely that numbers crossing the A30 Egham By-pass will only increase, taking into consideration the promotion of sustainable transport to the visitor attractions.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 Both of these projects are now at the final stages of development before construction commences, however options were considered at feasibility stage.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 Both projects were the subject of an 8-week consultation between Monday 14 October to Sunday 8 December 2013 and the committee received a report on the feedback from the consultation at the committee meeting on 9 June 2014 (minute ref 33/14).

4.2 Overall the support was considered very good for both projects and this will be included within the business cases for both projects.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 The detailed business case for both schemes have been submitted which included a value for money section.

5.2 The current estimated cost for each project is as follows:

- Runnymede roundabout £4.8 million (grant fund £3.60 million and local contribution requirement £1.20 million).
- Egham sustainable transport package £3.7 million (grant fund £2.78 million and local contribution £0.93 million)

5.3 The local contribution funding is now in place for these projects and the county council is now awaiting approval of the funding from the LEP, which is expected during early December 2014.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 It is the objective of Surrey Highways to treat all users of the public highway equally and with understanding. An Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA's) will be carried out for each Major scheme as part of the detailed business case.

7. LOCALISM:

7.1 The headline benefits for the Major schemes within Egham are as follows:

- Boosting economic growth by;
- Tackling congestion
- Improved journey time reliability
- Reduced journey times

- Reduced vehicle operating costs
- Increased walking and cycling
- Improved connectivity from business areas to railway stations

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications arising from this report
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	Set out below
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications arising from this report
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications arising from this report
Public Health	Set out below.

8.1 Sustainability and Public Health implications

Increased walking and cycling, where it replaces motorised forms of transport such as the car, will improve air quality and reduce carbon emission levels, which is a key objective of the Surrey LTP. Passenger transport and modal shift from the car to buses/rail are a further key objective of the Surrey LTP.

Transport is responsible for one third of carbon emission in Surrey. Surrey's Local Transport Plan has a target to reduce carbon emissions from (non-motorway) transport by 10% (absolute emissions) by 2020, increasing to 25% reduction by 2035 from 2007 baseline of 2,114k tonnes.

Increased walking and cycling has a positive impact on the health of a person. The NHS identifies cycling as an activity which provides significant health benefits. The emerging Surrey Health and Well-being Strategy has identified obesity as one of the priority public health challenges.

The whole project including the improved walking and cycling facilities will be marketed to residents and businesses and cycle training will be offered to those less confident of cycling to encourage take up and to maximise the benefits of the new infrastructure.

It is also expected that increased levels of walking and cycling to and around the town centre will have a positive effect on Egham's retail economy with recent studies suggesting that pedestrians and cyclists actually spend more on a trip into a town than a motorist.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 9.1 Work has been carried out on both the Runnymede roundabout and the Egham sustainable transport package schemes to an initial design stage and the detailed design for each project is now well underway.

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- 9.2 Business cases for both projects have been submitted to the EM3 LEP and following several levels of scrutiny by the LEP the county council is now awaiting the final funding approval.
- 9.3 The Local Committee are asked to Note the progress made so far with the two major project schemes located in the Egham area
- 9.4 Referring to Annexes A and B approvals are required, for example to allow for the installation of toucan crossings, placement of bus stop clearways, allowing cycling on footways and to process an application through the Cycle Tracks Order route with permissions to advertise for legal orders and Notices to enable these projects to proceed.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 10.1 Subject to the approval of this Local Committee, notices and legal orders will be processed to enable changes to be made.
- 10.2 The EM3 LEP will notify the county council during early December 2014 about the funding outcome for both of these projects.

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 Runnymede Major Schemes Member Task Group (7 November 2014).

Annexes:
 Annex A – Schedule of approvals
 Annex B – Runnymede Roundabout and Egham STP General Arrangement Plan
 Annex C – A30 Egham By-pass survey data (June 2014)

Sources/background papers:
 Consultation Monday 14th October to Sunday 8th December 2013
 Egham Sustainable Transport Package business case – 16 September 2014
 Runnymede Roundabout – business case – 30 September 2014

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