Annex 2 – Transport Bids

For this round of CIL funding bids there is a single passenger transport programme recommended: **Bus stop accessibility improvements and Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI)**.

High quality passenger transport infrastructure is essential to encourage more people to use bus services. As the gateway to the bus, bus stops need to be clearly visible, well designed and maintained, with comprehensive bus service timetable information and good passenger waiting shelters. The bus stops need to be accessible for all passengers, making to easy for passengers to board and alight, and away from parked cars which may obstruct the bus reaching the kerb. Traffic management measure can be applied to assist. Safe, clear pedestrian routes to/from the bus stops should also be provided.

Bus service information assists passengers making decisions where and when to travel. RTPI is a system to deliver to bus passengers information on the whereabouts and arrival times of buses in real time, to facilitate journey planning, to engender confidence among bus passengers as to the arrival time of their service, and ultimately their arrival time at their chosen destination, supporting sustainable modes and encouraging sustainable travel.

As part of the countywide Local Transport Review we propose to develop a network of Quality Bus Corridors through Elmbridge in partnership with the Abellio bus company. This work will support the commercial and supported bus market, with measures to encourage greater usage and improve accessibility. The detail of this work will be informed following a full analysis of the public consultation. However an initial high level analysis indicates that Surrey residents place great value on RTPI and better passenger waiting facilities, improved publicity and information.

It is anticipated that bus stop accessibility improvements and RTPI displays would be provided at some of the busiest bus stops in Elmbridge which could include:

- Esher
- Cobham
- Walton
- Thames Ditton
- Weybridge

RTPI displays installed with power (if not already available at the bus shelter) are £10,000 to £12,000 each. New bus shelters range from £5,000 to £10,000 installed dependent upon design and location, while accessibility works to the footway approximately £3,000.

On this basis the bid has been valued at £110,000; £60,000 for RTPI displays and £50,000 for bus stop improvements. If successful officers would anticipate that RTPI displays would be installed and operational within six months of being notified of available funding.

