

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (SPELTHORNE)****DATE: 23 MARCH 2015****LEAD OFFICER: NICK HEALEY, AREA TEAM MANAGER (NE)****SUBJECT: FELTHAM HILL ROAD PEDESTRIAN CROSSING****DIVISION: ASHFORD
SUNBURY COMMON AND ASHFORD COMMON****SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

In September 2013 it was recommended to the Committee to construct a new Zebra Crossing on Feltham Hill Road, near its junction with Park Road, to be funded from developer contributions.

The local community's response to the proposed new crossing at this location was mixed.

In response to opposition among the local residents, the Committee asked officers to review possible alternative locations with the Divisional Members. Six alternative locations have been considered. The Divisional Member for Ashford has suggested that the original location near Park Road is preferred.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Spelthorne) is asked to:

- (i) Authorise the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and relevant Divisional Member(s), to advertise the Legal Notice for the proposed new Zebra Crossing in Feltham Hill Road near its junction with Park Road – the location that was originally proposed;
- (ii) Authorise the construction of the Zebra Crossing, in the event that no new concerns are raised in representations made to the Legal Notice;
- (iii) Authorise the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and relevant Divisional Member, to consider any new concerns raised in representation to the Legal Notices, and decide whether or not to proceed to construction in the light of the new concerns raised;
- (iv) Receive a report to a future meeting of the Committee detailing any new concerns raised and how the consideration of any such new concerns influenced the decision on whether to construct the scheme.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The recommendations are intended to bring this project to a definitive conclusion.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 The background to this scheme dates back to 2003, and was reported to Committee in September 2013. At this time the scheme comprised a proposed new Zebra Crossing in Feltham Hill Road, near its junction with Park Road.
- 1.2 The most recent public consultation was conducted in Spring 2013. The local community's response was mixed. Full details of most recent public consultation, including the representations received in Spring 2013, are included in the report to Committee in September 2013.
- 1.3 In September 2013 the Committee was asked to approve the construction of the proposed new Zebra Crossing near Park Road. A number of local residents attended Committee to voice their concerns. The Committee instructed officers to review alternative locations in consultation with the Divisional Members. Feltham Hill Road spans two Divisions: Ashford, and Sunbury Common and Ashford Common.
- 1.4 The Divisional Member for Ashford has suggested the original location, near Park Road, is preferred. Accordingly this is the location, which is recommended to Committee for approval.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 Annex A details and compares six alternative locations in Feltham Hill Road where a new pedestrian crossing could be constructed, including the original location near Park Road.
- 2.2 It is likely that if Committee were to approve the recommended location, near Park Road, that the local community's response would be mixed, as it was in 2013.
- 2.3 No further public consultation has been conducted in relation to this scheme since Spring 2013. The alternative locations detailed in Annex A have not been subjected to public consultation.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 The Committee could approve the recommendations as drafted.
- 3.2 Alternatively the Committee could choose an alternative preferred location, or instruct officers to conduct further public consultation on one or more of the alternative locations.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 Officers have consulted Divisional Members to review the six alternative locations detailed in Annex A.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 Of the original developer contribution there is approximately £19,000 remaining. It is likely that this would not cover the full cost of construction of a new pedestrian crossing in any of the six alternative locations.
- 5.2 To be able to construct a new pedestrian crossing in Feltham Hill Road, a contribution from the Local Committee would be required. The Divisional Member for Ashford has indicated that if the original location near Park Road is approved, that funding could be made available from the Divisional Allocation for Ashford.

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 Local Committee has prioritised its expenditure according to local priorities.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

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

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 9.1 Six alternative locations have been identified, and reviewed in consultation with the relevant Divisional Members. The Divisional Member for Ashford has indicated that the original location near Park Road is the preferred location.
- 9.2 In 2013 the response of the local community to this proposed location was mixed. No further public consultation has taken place since 2013.
- 9.3 Recommendations have been made to bring this scheme to a definitive conclusion.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 10.1 If the Local Committee approves the recommendations, the Area Team Manager will inform the local community, and at the same time advertise the statutory notice for the proposed new Zebra Crossing. Construction could then follow in the new Financial Year 2015-16.

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Consulted: Divisional Members for Ashford, and Sunbury Common and Ashford Common

Annexes: 1

Sources/background papers: None.

