

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)**

DATE: 8th JUNE 2015
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SUBJECT: PETITION RESPONSE: EWELL ROAD

DIVISION: THE DITTONS

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

This report updates members following the petition by Sarah Spence at the February Committee meeting highlighting safety concerns generally along Ewell Road, in the vicinity of Rushett Road.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

This Committee have already resolved to carry out a feasibility study, and detailed design and construction of a traffic management scheme for part of Long Ditton, which can very easily be extended to encompass the area of concern. The Divisional Member, Mr Hickman, at the February Committee expressed his acceptance to the extension of the scheme boundary.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 A Petition was received by the Committee at the February 2015 meeting of the Local Committee, signed by 454 residents, concerning pedestrian safety in Ewell Road, in the vicinity of Rushett Road.
- 1.2 Sarah Spence spoke in support of the petition, giving a number of examples of 'near misses', adding that this was the route used by many residents to access the local schools, nursery and recreation ground.
- 1.3 She requested either a controlled crossing or speed restrictions as it is the most popular place to cross but on coming vehicles cannot be seen.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 A previous petition was submitted to the November 2012 meeting of the Local Committee, signed by 197 residents, concerning safety, speed and volume of vehicular traffic in the vicinity of Long Ditton Infants School and St Mary's Junior School.

2.2 Committee approved that a feasibility study be carried out to determine, the most appropriate solution, to the petitioner's requests, with funding for the feasibility being provided by the Divisional Member's allocation 2013/14.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 The feasibility has been completed and identified a package of options.
- 3.2 The Committee have already approved elements of the feasibility for design and construction, funded predominantly by way of Community Infrastructure Levy.
- 3.3 The scheme is currently in the detailed design stage.
- 3.4 As the location identified by the petitioner is very close to the scheme boundary, this can easily be extended.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 In the event that objections are received in relation to any proposed raised tables, speed cushions, or reduced speed limit, then the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Member will look to resolve any objections received.
- 4.2 If a resolution cannot be found then this will need to be brought back to the local committee for resolution.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 It is currently proposed to fund the scheme from funding secured by way of Community Infrastructure Levy from Elmbridge Borough Council.

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 measures identified in the feasibility study are in response to perceived concerns raised by the local community. The Divisional Member has already prioritised funding to implement part of the measures identified, as these are considered to be local priorities.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

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

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 9.1 A package of various measures has been identified to address the perceived concerns raised by the local community in Long Ditton. Funding has now been identified to implement the measures identified.

9.2 It is hoped that as the various measures are implemented, the perceived concerns within the local community will diminish.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 Once the design is complete, the Divisional Member will be consulted on the scheme design and will determine how the subsequent consultation will be structured locally.

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- **Contact Officer:** Nick Healey, Area Team Manager (NE)
 - **Consulted:** Divisional Member.
 - **Annexes:** None
 - **Sources/background papers:** None.
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