

## SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

## LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)

DATE: 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2015  
 LEAD OFFICER: NICK HEALEY, AREA TEAM MANAGER



SUBJECT: PETITION RESPONSE: JOLLY BOATMAN DEVELOPMENT

DIVISION: EAST MOLESEY

<b><u>SUMMARY OF ISSUE:</u></b>
This report updates Members following a further petition by Mr Tony Nockles requesting that the safety audit approved at the February 2014 meeting of this Committee, be carried out again, and be more far reaching.
<b><u>RECOMMENDATIONS:</u></b>
For information only.
<b><u>REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:</u></b>
A site visit was undertaken by the Safety Audit team and a report was carried out, following the 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2014 meeting. The report was presented to the 16 <sup>th</sup> June Committee where the recommendations were approved.

**1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

- 1.1 A petition was received by the Committee on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013, requesting to immediately construct an unmanned crossing at the top of Cigarette Island Lane, by Hampton Court railway station. A response was agreed to be presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014 meeting.
- 1.2 A response was given to the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014 Committee, where it was resolved that Cllr Selleck would fund a Safety Audit report of the top of Cigarette Island Lane, from his 2014/15 allocation.
- 1.3 A question was asked by Mr Nockles at the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014 Committee 'I would like to know the status of the audit and whether, indeed, it will be conducted in accordance with the Society of Road Safety Auditors' (SoRSA) guidelines?'
- 1.4 A response was given to this meeting, complete with a copy of the report from the Safety Audit Team, which also highlighted some recommendations for improvements to pedestrian accessibility. These recommendations were approved by the committee.

- 1.5 A further petition was received by this Committee in February 2015. Mr Nockles presented the petition to ask that the Committee expand the audit report and consider further aspects of the site.

## **2. ANALYSIS:**

- 2.1 At the meeting of 24 February 2014, the Committee resolved that a Safety Audit was to be funded from the Divisional Member's allocation for 2014/15 to specifically address the petitioners concerns relating to an unmanned crossing on Cigarette Island Lane. The reason for the decision was to provide an updated Safety Audit for the location where the petitioners are requesting the installation of a pedestrian crossing.
- 2.2 A site visit was carried out by the Safety Audit team in May 2014 and a report was produced. It should be noted that the Road Safety team that produced the report have between them over 26 year's road safety audit experience and have conducted over 300 Road Safety Audits.
- 2.3 The Department for Transport definition of a Road Safety Audit, as shown in the Design Manual for Roads & Bridges (DMRB) HD19/04, states that a Road Safety Audit is 'The evaluation of Highway Improvement Schemes during design and at the end of construction.'
- 2.4 The Chartered Institute of Highways & Transportation defines road safety audits as 'a formal, systematic, independent assessment of the potential road safety problems associated with a new road scheme or road improvement scheme.
- 2.5 All the changes proposed so far as part of the Jolly Boatman development, have been subject to a Road Safety Audit already. If the approved Jolly Boatman proposals were to be modified, then these would be subject to further Road Safety Audits. Even if they are not modified, they would still be subject to the next stage of the Road Safety Audit process as and when the detailed design is taken forward by the developer. At the present time, the latest design iteration of the Jolly Boatman related changes has already been subject to a Road Safety Audit.

## **3. OPTIONS:**

- 3.1 There is a small parcel of land to the north of the site which is currently in highway ownership, and encompasses Cigarette Island Lane and part of the Bus stop entry area. The remainder, and much larger area, does not form part of the public highway, and it is for the owner/ lease holder South West Trains (SWT) to carry out any necessary safety and/or modifications required to this area.
- 3.2 To this end, a site meeting has recently been held with SWT and Surrey Police, but also attended by officers from Surrey County Council, Highways, Transportation Development Planning, and the Passenger Transport Group.
- 3.3 Whilst this was a good initial meeting, any outcomes will be directly influenced by SWT and any development alterations, now that the site has been sold and acquired by a further developer.

**4. CONSULTATIONS:**

4.1 None.

**5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:**

5.1 None at this stage.

**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 is able to prioritise its budgets 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 people's perception of crime.

**9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

9.1 The Safety Audit team report, resolved at the February 2014 meeting was carried out and this was reported to the Committee in June of that same year. The recommendations were approved and the scheme is currently in design for construction later this year.

9.2 Any further changes will be wholly dependent on the development proposals, SWT and any agreed methodology for the Bus operation.

**10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

10.1 It is anticipated that the development of the Jolly Boatman site will proceed according to the planning permission granted by Elmbridge Borough Council.

10.2 The Council will work with the developer to ensure that their obligations in respect of the Public Highway are discharged as the development progresses.

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

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