

County Council Meeting – 12 July 2016

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY, ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS BOARD

9 June 2016

ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON BRIDGE STREET, GUILDFORD [Item 7]

1. A petition was submitted to the Council on 17 May 2016 to improve road safety on Bridge Street. It was resolved by Council that this issue and any proposals should be scrutinised by the Economic Prosperity, Environment and Highways Board.
2. The Board met on 9 June 2016 to discuss the petition. An officer report on road safety improvements on Bridge Street was provided. A number of witnesses were invited to the meeting including the petitioner's representative, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Guildford Local Committee, Guildford Borough Council officers and the local Member for the area.
3. Witnesses in attendance were given the opportunity to voice any key concerns they had. The Board were presented with a number of mitigation measures including pedestrianising Bridge Street and making improvements to Walnut Tree Bridge. It was agreed that more needed to be done to change the attitudes of car users and pedestrians.
4. It was stated that a bid for funding had been submitted to the Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) for consideration. This bid would reconfigure traffic around the Guildford town centre gyratory which would in turn impact on traffic along Bridge Street. Members of the Board welcomed this and asked for an update to come back to the Board for consideration.

The following recommendations were agreed and endorsed by the Economic Prosperity, Environment and Highways Board,

- a) that officers commission feasibility and design work for the repositioning of the stop lines at the junction of Bridge Street with Onslow Street;
- b) that officers commission feasibility and design work for the implementation of raised road tables at the crossing points at this junction;
- c) that officers commission a review of the pedestrian and traffic signal phasing and staging at this junction; and
- d) that once completed, these options be presented to Guildford Local Committee for approval and funding.

- e) that the Board receive an update on road safety improvements on Bridge Street in spring/summer 2017.

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Chairman of the Economic Prosperity, Environment and Highways Board
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