

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS**November 2016****CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS TRANSPORT AND FLOODING****(I) PETITION TO BAN CYCLING ON THE A24 BETWEEN LEATHERHEAD AND DORKING****Details of decision:**

That the response, attached as Appendix 1, be approved

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Reasons for decision:

To respond to the petition.

(Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Flooding Decisions – 9 November 2016)

CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS TRANSPORT AND FLOODING**(II) PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF LAND AT FLINT HALL COTTAGE, FLOWER LANE, GODSTONE****Details of decision:**

That it be agreed that an application be made to the Magistrates' Court for an order stopping up the land identified on the plan at Annex 1, of the submitted report, as highway, in accordance with the provisions of Section 116 and 117 of the Highways Act 1980, and subject to the conditions of the County Council's approved policy on stopping up applications and that the owner of Flint Hall Cottage purchasing the land within the cartilage of their property that is owned by UK Power Networks within one year.

Reasons for decision:

The land in question is deemed surplus to highway requirements as the former access way has been functioning as a private driveway for some time. On completion of a successful application the County Council would be relinquished from any future maintenance liability for the land in question.

(Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Flooding Decisions – 9 November 2016)

CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS TRANSPORT AND FLOODING**(III) FLOOD PREVENTION PRODUCTS****Details of decision:**

The Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Flooding agreed that:

1. Surrey County Council should write to inform affected homeowners who used their Repair and Renew Grant to fit self-closing airbricks to their property, where their property is within 250 metres of a current or historic landfill site them and ask that they consider replacing these products with an alternative flood protection product.
2. Surrey County Council offer a financial contribution to homeowners to assist with replacing the self-closing airbricks fitted with grant funding from the Repair and Renew Grant, where their property is within 250 metres of a current or historic landfill site. It is proposed that £65 per airbrick is provided to enable, at the residents' discretion, either direct replacement with a standard airbrick or an alternative flood prevention product.
3. Surrey County Council identifies a budget of £30,000 in order to cover the costs of any financial contribution to homeowners and that authority be delegated to the Community Partnerships Team Manager to authorise and manage expenditure against this budget.

Reasons for decision:

Following advice from the Environment Agency received in June 2016 that products installed through the Repair and Renew Grant Scheme, administered by Surrey County Council on behalf of Defra, may not be suitable for properties within 250 metres of current or historic landfill, it is considered that a responsible public authority should provide a financial contribution to either return the property to its original condition or an alternative flood protection product.

(Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Flooding Decisions – 9 November 2016)

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

(IV) APPROVAL OF THE REVISED SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Details of decision:

It was agreed that:

1. the revised Scheme of Delegation as set out in Annex 1 of the submitted report be approved.
2. the revised Scheme of Delegation be recommended to County Council for endorsement at its meeting in December 2016.

Reasons for decision:

The revised Scheme sets out the Executive and Non-Executive functions that are authorised to exercise the functions of the County Council relating to their areas of responsibility and any changes to this are required to be approved by the Leader of the Council and endorsed by County Council.

(Decision taken by the Leader of the Council – 9 November 2016)

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**(V) COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS FUND (INCLUDING THE LOCAL CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS FUND) - PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS****Details of decision:**

1. That the proposed grant funding set out in Appendix 2 from the Community Improvements Fund budget, and Appendix 3 from the Local Centre Improvements Fund budget be approved.
2. That the position of the applications agreed within the previous budget 2015/16 be noted.
3. That authority be delegated to the Community Partnerships Manager to make minor amendments to the conditions of funding for agreed schemes which may be required in advance of funding being released.

Reasons for decision:

Approval of the proposed grant funding will enable the Community Partnerships Team to progress with facilitating the grant payments.

(Decision taken by the Leader of the Council– 9 November 2016)

CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND FLOODING

9 November 2016

RESPONSE TO PETITION CONCERNING BANNING CYCLING ON THE A24 BETWEEN LEATHERHEAD AND DORKING**The Petition**

Please make it illegal for cyclists to use the A24 Dual Carriageway between Givons Grove roundabout, Leatherhead and Ashcombe Road, Dorking. It is very dangerous for all road users, especially the cyclists. There is a very good cycle lane off to both side of this road that many cyclists already use therefore it is clearly fit for purpose. I use this section of road many times each week, including the weekends, and have witnessed many close shaves and dangerous situations and feel it is only a matter of time before there are some serious accidents involving cyclists. One particularly dangerous section is when cyclists don't use the underpass and cross two lanes of 50mph traffic to turn right at the Burford Bridge roundabout to go up Box Hill. It will need 'No Cycling' signposts that will need to be actively enforced and a commitment to ensure the cycle lanes are kept in good repair and fit for purpose.

Submitted by: Martin Davies

Signatures: 338

Response

The A24 between Givons Grove roundabout and Ashcombe Road, is a single lane south bound, with a hatched out area adjacent to that lane, and becomes a two lane dual carriageway just south of the junction with the public footpath over Swanmouth Lane. The road is a two lane dual carriageway northbound between Ashcombe Road and Givons Grove roundabout. The speed limit is 50mph, between Givons Grove roundabout and the roundabout at Pixham Lane where it becomes 40mph. There is an off carriageway shared footway/cycleway on the west side of the A24 between Givons Grove roundabout and Ashcombe Road. There is a shared footway/cycleway on the east side from just south of B2209 Old London Road to Ashcombe Road. There is an advisory cycle lane southbound from Givons Grove Roundabout between the hatched carriageway marking and the eastern kerb line that extends as far as the shared footway/cycleway. Use of these cycle facilities is not compulsory.

A review of the recorded personal injury collisions, involving cyclists, on this section of the A24, from 1/1/2011 to 30/6/2016 from (and including) Givons Grove RAB to Pixham Lane / Denbies RAB has been carried out and there are 23 recorded. There are a variety of reasons for the accidents, and 11 occurred at roundabouts, mostly Givons Grove roundabout. Changes have recently been made to the road markings at the Givons Grove roundabout to reduce the risk of accidents for cyclists.

The County Council does take concerns about road safety seriously and road collisions across the County are continually monitored. If there should be any significant change or increase in the pattern of collisions then the matter would be referred to the relevant Road Safety Working Group for action to be determined. This group consists of Road Safety experts from both Surrey Police and the County Council as well as engineers from Surrey Highways.

Surrey County Council have the powers to prohibit the use of a road by cyclists, but not a duty to do so. The Prohibition of Cyclists Traffic Orders are made under the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984, and this would require extensive consultation. This type of proposal would also require the support of the Police, as they would be responsible for enforcing any traffic order of this type.

There are many other sections of dual carriageway in Surrey, with a separate cycle facility, where cyclists can use the carriageway. This proposal would set an unjustified precedence that would also create an additional budget pressure for the cost of consultation, advertising and potentially enacting a traffic order, signs and enforcement.

It is acknowledged that this section of the A24 formed part of the Olympic Cycle Route, in 2012, and the use of the road has brought cycling tourism to the area. Any proposal to ban cycling from the A24 would not support the Surrey County Council's Cycling Strategy, in particular that "We will support cycling as healthy, inclusive and affordable".

The petitioner has suggested that cyclists do not use the underpass at Burford Bridge to gain access to Box Hill. Cyclists have to dismount their bicycles and walk through the subway, as the clearance height, and approaches, are below current standards for a shared use subway due to the era in which the subway was constructed. This is only for a short distance and balances the needs of cyclists and pedestrians.

The petitioner has suggested that there be a commitment to ensure the cycle lanes are kept in good repair and fit for purpose. Regular maintenance of the shared facility is carried out in collaboration with Mole Valley District Council. The recent carriageway resurfacing formed part of a larger resilience scheme on the A24 to reduce the risk of future flooding, and was funded through a Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) bid. The funding could only be used for the resilience works, and not any wider cycleway maintenance.

The western shared footway/cycleway is particularly well used. This cycleway forms part of National Cycle Network 22 linking Banstead to Brockenhurst, Hampshire. Unfortunately, a LEP bid for the cycle track maintenance that included comprehensive resurfacing and, in some parts, widening, of the whole length of the cycle track, and improvements for cyclists at the subway, was unsuccessful. There are more requests for maintenance and cycle facility improvements than there are resources available and these have to be prioritised, and balanced, with the requests from other road users.

For the reasons given above, there are no current plans to make a Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit the use of the A24 carriageway by cyclists.

Mr John Furey
Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Flooding
9 November 2016

Organisation	Project	Amount Agreed
Hersham Youth Trust	Building of a sports standing and improvement of outdoor safety lightning	£25,000
Ash Vale Chapel	Creation of two new art studios	£12,326
SeeAbility	Purchase of a specially adapted 14-seater minibus for people with sight loss and other disabilities	£22,000
The Beacon School	Installation of artificial cricket pitch	£7,500
2 nd Thames Ditton Guides	Development of the outdoor space at Thames Ditton Guide Hut	£14,000
Runnymede Borough Council	Improvements to existing youth play provision at Kings Lane open space	£14,000
Nork Community Association	Renewal of the flat roof section of the Nork Community Centre	£15,000
Phoenix Cultural Centre CIC	To purchase a sound system for a live music venue	£30,000
West Byfleet parents	Enhancements to the playground at West Byfleet Recreation Ground	£25,000
Mole Valley District Council	Merebank Sports Court Improvement Project	£8,000
Salfords & Sidlow	Urgent repairs to main hall in Salfords Village Hall	£8,000
Age Concern, Farncombe	Refurbishment of Farncombe Day Centre kitchen	£27,500
Whiteley Village Trust	Improve lighting in the hydrotherapy pool and village hall and the heating in the hall	£12,000

Epsom Sports Club	Restoration of Old Schools Lane playing fields	£25,000
Hale Chapels Trust	Restore the two chapels into a community centre	£30,000
All Saints Church Community Centre, Webber Hall	Refurbish Webber Hall including internal toilet, kitchenette and main drainage	£13,000
Ewhurst Parish Council	Refurbish the Ewhurst tennis courts	£9,000
Tilford Parish Council	Replacement of play equipment in the Jubilee Play area	£10,000
Stoke Park Bowling Club	Extend Guildford Bowling Club to accommodate merger	£30,000
PCC of St John's Church, Egham	New outdoor play and learning area for young children	£15,000
Staines Bowling Club	Conversion of spare land at rear of the bowls pavilion	£15,000

Total agreed	£367,326
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Organisation	Project	Amount Agreed
Walton on Thames Traders	Improve connection between High St and Bridge St	£9,292
Molesey Business Association	Street dressing for events and area branding	£4,867
Ewell Village Traders	Improvements to Ewell Village. Signage, replacement planters, screening for commercial bins, replacement telephone box to house mini library	£4,952
Pooley Green Shopping Parade Traders Association	Improve appearance of shopping parade	£5,000
Egham Town Centre Team	Revitalise the main gateway to the town	£14,465
Frimley Business Association	Greening of Frimley with multiple barrier/hanging baskets in the High Street. Improve environmental appearance and increase footfall.	£10,000
Lingfield Parish Council	Village centre enhancements to encourage visitors to explore the village and increase footfall to local shops/restaurants	£1,410

Total agreed	£49,986
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