



WOKING JOINT COMMITTEE

DATE: 20 SEPTEMBER 2017
LEAD OFFICER: GEOFF MCMANUS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, WOKING BOROUGH COUNCIL
SUBJECT: A322 CONSULTATION – JULY 2017
AREA: KNAPHILL AND BROOKWOOD WARDS

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

This report is provided following previous reports to the Woking Joint Committee and a public consultation undertaken in July 2017 to consider potential improvements along the A322 and other local areas in Knaphill and Brookwood.

The consultation exercise took place from 10 to 31 July 2017 and involved a postcard drop to over 3,500 residents, online promotion and two consultation events held at the Vyne Centre, Knaphill.

The focus of the consultation included seven conceptual junction improvements and this report is able to feedback support for the different proposals.

Based on the consultation results tabled this evening members are asked to consider the next steps for any of the proposals consulted upon. Next steps would include detailed design and related traffic studies as a minimum to ensure any solutions can be optimised in terms of traffic movements, pedestrian and cycle access.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Woking Joint Committee is asked to support the following proposals based on support arising from the public consultation:-

1. To proceed with further works on the Broadway / Redding Way junction including removal of the restriction and associated works to the car park.
2. To proceed with works on the Brookwood Crossroads with timings to align with adjacent development.
3. To proceed with the investigation of a further lane at the Bagshot Road / Redding Way junction.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Woking Joint Committee are requested to support the proposals following the public consultation and in consideration of the feedback provided.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 This report follows previous reports to the Woking Joint Committee in consideration of congestion on the A322 and adjacent local junctions.
- 1.2 Junction proposals can be viewed on display boards in the Council chamber.
- 1.3 The report details the feedback from the public consultation exercise during July 2017 with three proposals highlighted of the seven proposals consulted upon where particular support is evident.
- 1.4 It is acknowledged that with all proposals there are a number of caveats raised by members of the public whilst expressing general support for a particular proposal.
- 1.5 Overall there is broad support for the three junction improvements identified and it is now the case that further detailed design works needs to be completed with associated traffic surveys to ensure the best arrangement is ultimately designed and implemented.
- 1.6 During the public consultation sessions a lot of comments were received regarding a larger scale solution including a bypass proposal. Comments have also been made regarding the Limecroft Road and Cemetery Pales Junctions. However, this was not the subject of the consultation and are unlikely to be feasible in the near future therefore, in such conversations residents were directed to the main proposals available through the consultation.

2. FEEDBACK BY JUNCTION

Junction 1: Broadway / Redding Way Improvements

The proposal shows the removal of the existing bus gate restriction between Redding Way and the Broadway to allow all traffic movements.

The Junction was the most topical at the public sessions and the greatest supported proposal with 63% broad support from respondents. It is also worth noting that a small minority felt strongly that the bollards should be repaired and reinstated.

The majority view. However, is that bollards should be removed and the junction regularised for access with improvements to pedestrian and cycle movements. The associated car parking proposals were also generally supported.

Junction 1: Broadway / Redding Way Improvements

Support	63%
Oppose	8%
Don't know	29%

Junction 2: Chobham Road / Bagshot Road Improvements

Proposal designed to aid movement along Bagshot Road and to reduce traffic movement along Chobham Road.

The overall support for the proposed junction improvement was 20%. To many people this proposal was seen as linking with other improvements and although the merits of the design was acknowledged by many it was felt these works could not be completed in isolation.

Junction 2: Chobham Road / Bagshot Road Improvements

Support	20%
Oppose	42%
Don't know	38%

Junction 3: Sparvell Road / Bagshot Road Improvements

Views were invited to consider the introduction of new traffic signals or other features to improve overall traffic movements and pedestrian safety at the junction.

The overall support for the proposed junction improvement was 18%. Similar to other junction proposals this was seen as linking with other improvements. However, there was no significant support for works at this location.

Junction 3: Sparvell Road / Bagshot Road Improvements

Support	18%
Oppose	29%
Don't know	53%

Junction 4: Broadway / Bagshot Road Junction

Proposal designed to aid movement along Bagshot Road and reduce traffic movement along Broadway.

The overall support for the proposed junction improvement was 16%. To many people this proposal was seen as linking with other improvements and although the merits of the design was acknowledged by many it was felt these works could not be completed in isolation.

Junction 4: Broadway / Bagshot Road Junction

Support	16%
Oppose	44%
Don't know	40%

Junction 5: Oak Tree Road / Bagshot Road Improvements

Views were invited to consider the introduction of new traffic signals or other features to improve overall traffic movements and pedestrian safety at the junction.

The overall support for the proposed junction improvement was 20%. Similar to other junction proposals this was seen as linking with other improvements. However, there was no significant support for works at this location.

Junction 5: Oak Tree Road / Bagshot Road Improvements

Support	20%
Oppose	25%
Don't know	55%

Junction 6: Bagshot Road / Redding Way Crossroads Improvements.

The plan shows additional road space on Bagshot Road and views were invited to consider how this could assist traffic movements.

The overall support for the proposed additional lane was 43%. A number of comments have been received regarding how the additional lane could be used but

on balance it was felt the proposal could assist traffic movements and subject to further design, benefits could be realised from this proposal.

Junction 6: Bagshot Road / Redding Way Crossroads Improvements.

Support	43%
Oppose	7%
Don't know	50%

Junction 7: Brookwood Crossroads Improvements

The plan shows additional road space on Connaught Road and Brookwood Lye Road and views were invited to consider how this could assist traffic movements.

The overall support for the proposed additional lanes was 54%. This is a good level of support for the proposal acknowledging the major improvements are for local traffic flows rather than the main A322.

Junction 7: Brookwood Crossroads Improvements

Support	54%
Oppose	6%
Don't know	40%

3. RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE

- 3.1 A total of 207 questionnaires were returned during the public consultation period. A summary of proposals has been prepared as Appendix 1 which includes support for individual junction proposals.
- 3.2 Of the consultation returns 146 are online returns. A summary of online responses has been gathered and can be provided on request.
- 3.3 The remaining 61 responses are hardcopy. The majority of which were received by email or collected from the ballot box in place at the Vyne Centre for the duration of the consultation.
- 3.4 The Public Consultation took place from 10th to 31st July 2017 and involved 2 manned public consultation sessions at the Vyne Centre in Knaphill. During these sessions Officers and Councillors spoke with approximately 100 residents at each of the manned public consultations sessions whilst the display stayed in place for viewing throughout the consultation.

4. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 4.1 The next phase of work if supported will be progressed as detailed design and associated traffic studies for Junction 1, Junction 6 and Junction 7.
- 4.2 Junction 1, the Redding Way / Broadway junction is already funded for detailed design through existing Surrey County Council work programmes.
- 4.3 Junction 7 Brookwood Crossroads to be progressed as part of development works adjacent to the junction.
- 4.4 Junction. 6, Bagshot Road / Redding Way should be considered for design as resources become available or as funding opportunities arise.
- 4.5 Final detailed designs to be shared with the Joint Committee as they are developed.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT:

- 5.1 In conducting the extensive public consultation we have sought to gauge public reaction and support for the proposals. By introduction of proposed improvements there is potential reduction of congestion and increased safety at respective junctions.

6. LOCALISM:

- 6.1 It is considered that the proposals outlined in this report will have an overall positive impact on local people in Knaphill and Brookwood

7. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 7.1 There are no specific quality implications arising from this report.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications arising from this report.
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications arising from this report.
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications arising from this report.
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications arising from this report.
Public Health	No significant implications arising from this report.
Human Resource/Training and Development	No significant implications arising from this report.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

9.1 The Woking Joint Committee is asked to agree that proposals be developed with further consideration of the Woking Joint Committee once detailed design of the Redding Way / Broadway proposal is available to include removal of the automatic bollards, associated car park amendments and related traffic surveys to optimise the benefits of any works.

9.2 Brookwood Crossroads proposal to be developed alongside adjacent development works.

9.3 Bagshot Road / Redding Way junction to be progressed as the third priority as resources and funds allow.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 Should the Committee agree the proposals in this report work will start immediately upon the detailed design of Redding Way / Broadway Junction.

10.2. Further works will continue in accordance with the priorities suggested with progress reported periodically to the Woking Joint Committee.

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Annexes:

Appendix 1 – summary of consultation tables

Copies of the online and hard copy responses (over 250 pages) can be provided on request.

Sources/background papers:

None

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