

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

DATE: 11TH MARCH 2019
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SUBJECT: BETWEEN STREETS
 PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

RESULTS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

DIVISION: COBHAM

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

Local residents have expressed concerns about pedestrian facilities on this section of Between Streets, particularly when trying to cross near the access to Painshill Park and the nearby bus stops.

The Local Committee for Elmbridge agreed that a study should be undertaken to assess the extent of the problems and consider options for improvements. Following discussions with the divisional member and borough members, it was agreed to consult on the potential installation of a new pedestrian refuge island. Two different locations were suggested as options. The consultation also invited any other comments to be raised.

This report presents the results of the public consultation. The Local Committee is asked to note the results of the consultation and the recommendations made. The Local Committee is also asked to note the next steps, in that the scheme will progress to detailed design and construction, informed by the public consultation that is the subject of this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:**The Local Committee (Elmbridge) is asked to:**

- (i) Note the results of the public consultation as set out in this report;
- (ii) Note that the results, feedback and recommendations will be used to inform the detailed design.
- (iii) Delegate authority to the Area Highway Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Member to undertake all necessary procedures to introduce a new pedestrian refuge island between the junctions with Virginia Place and Loriners Close including advertisement of statutory notices if necessary.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To inform the Local Committee of the results of the public consultation and the next steps in progressing the scheme.

To provide the necessary authorisation to deliver the scheme in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and relevant Divisional Member without the need to revert to the Committee as a whole.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 Between Streets forms part of the A245, which is the primary route to Cobham town centre from the west, with links to the A3, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames and Weybridge as well as the A307 Portsmouth Road to Esher.
- 1.2 A location plan is attached as **Annex 1**.
- 1.3 There are no existing pedestrian crossing facilities between the roundabout junction of A245 Between Streets/A307 Portsmouth Road and the junction of Between Streets/Oakdene Road. This includes the access to Painshill Park and the nearby bus stops.
- 1.4 The current layout can lead to potential difficulty for pedestrians crossing the A245 Between Streets on this section.
- 1.5 Surrey Highways undertook feasibility studies, including site visits and liaison with county and borough members and Surrey Police's Road Safety and Traffic Management Team. This led to an outline design for proposed improvements, comprising a pedestrian refuge island.
- 1.6 Two options for locations for a new pedestrian refuge island were developed:
 - Option A – Between the junctions with Virginia Place and Loriners Close.
 - Option B – To the east of the junction with Litchfield Gardens.
- 1.7 A consultation letter and a drawing of the proposed measures were delivered in August 2018 to residents and businesses in the immediate area. A questionnaire was also included to invite feedback.
- 1.8 Elmbridge Borough Councillors for the area were also consulted.
- 1.9 Copies of the consultation drawing and letter plus questionnaire are attached as **Annexes 2 and 3** respectively. A plan showing the consultation area and details of additional consultees are attached as **Annex 4**.
- 1.10 This report presents the results of the public consultation.

2. ANALYSIS:

Responses

- 2.1 Letters, the consultation drawing and questionnaire were delivered to residents and business addresses in the area shown in Annex 4. This included properties in Between Streets, Virginia Place, White Lion Gate, Loriners Close, Litchfield Gardens, Oakdene Road, Lushington Drive and Winstanley Close and Winstanley Walk. In total, the consultation material was sent by post to 321 addresses.
- 2.2 There was a total of 119 responses received (a response rate of 37%).
- 2.3 Further details on the responses received are attached as **Annex 5**.

Summary of responses and feedback

- 2.4 The view expressed by respondents is that they support proposed improvement measures (90%).
- 2.5 The preference expressed is fairly even:

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- 51% support Option A, location between the junctions with Virginia Place and Loriners Close
 - 39% support Option B, location to the east of the junction with Litchfield Gardens
 - 10% either expressed no preference
- 2.6 The majority of residents in Virginia Place and White Lion Gate prefer Option A.
- 2.7 The majority of residents in Loriners Close prefer Option B.
- 2.8 The residents of Between Streets, Lushington Drive and Winstanley Close were evenly divided between Option A and Option B.

Other consultees

- 2.9 Elmbridge Borough Councillors expressed a preference for Option B, with the comment that it would likely benefit a greater number of people.
- 2.10 The Surrey County Council Divisional Member expressed a preference for Option A, with the comments that a crossing point near to the access to Painshill Park has been requested for some time, with representations from residents close to this location as well as Painshill Park itself. This location would also benefit the users of Faircroft Children's Home and the Army Cadet Force, with particular value for young people.
- 2.11 Surrey Police's Road Safety and Traffic Management Team expressed a preference for Option A, on safety grounds.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 A number of options, together with Surrey Highways comments, are given below, based on the results of the consultation.
- 3.2 **Option 1:** Proceed with detailed design and implementation of measures, based on the proposals presented for public consultation.

Comment: There is strong support for the proposals presented for public consultation. It is recommended that Option A as presented for public consultation be developed, for the reasons outlined in this report. Option A would provide crossing benefits for all residents wishing to cross the road near to the entrance to Painshill Park, including for access to the bus stops.

- 3.3 **Option 2:** Do not proceed with detailed design and implementation of measures or further investigation and assessment, i.e. 'do nothing'.

Comment: The existing road layout would remain.

- 3.4 As there is strong support for the proposals presented for public consultation, Option 1 as outlined above (para 3.2) will be progressed, i.e. **proceed with detailed design and implementation of measures, based on the proposals presented for public consultation** The comments and feedback from the public consultation will be considered in the detailed design of the scheme. Further consultation will also be undertaken with stakeholders including Surrey Police.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 Proposals to provide improvements on Between Streets have been the subject of public consultation, the results of which are presented in this report.
- 4.2 The Surrey County Council Divisional Member, Elmbridge Borough Councillors for the area and the emergency services have also been consulted.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 Elmbridge Borough Council has awarded CIL funding for this project.

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 Highway Service is mindful of the localism agenda and engages with the local community as appropriate before proceeding with the construction of any highway scheme.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	Set out below
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	Set out below
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

8.1 Crime and Disorder implications

A well-managed highway network can contribute to reduction in crime and disorder.

8.2 Sustainability implications

The use of sustainable materials and the recycling of materials is carried out wherever possible and appropriate.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 9.1 Local residents have expressed concerns about pedestrian facilities on this section of Between Streets, particularly when trying to cross near the access to Painshill Park and the nearby bus stops.
- 9.2 Public consultation has been carried out on proposals to improve facilities for pedestrians. There is strong support for the proposals presented for public consultation.
- 9.3 The Local Committee is asked to note the results of the public consultation as set out in this report.
- 9.4 Subject to Committee agreeing the recommendations, officers will make preparations to implement a new pedestrian refuge island between the junctions with Virginia Place and Loriners Close. The comments and feedback from the public consultation will be considered in the detailed design of the scheme.
- 9.5 The Local Committee is asked to delegate authority to the Area Highway Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Member to undertake all necessary procedures to deliver this scheme, including advertisement of any necessary statutory notices.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 10.1 Detailed design of the scheme will be progressed, leading to implementation.
- 10.2 It is anticipated that implementation will be in 2019.

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Consulted:

As detailed in the report

Annexes:

- Annex 1: Location plan
- Annex 2: Plan of proposals
- Annex 3: Consultation letter and questionnaire
- Annex 4: Consultation delivery area
- Annex 5: Responses received

Sources/background papers:

Between Streets Feasibility Study, presented to Committee in March 2018

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