

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)

DATE: 11TH MARCH 2019

LEAD OFFICER: NICK HEALEY, AREA TEAM MANAGER

**SUBJECT: CLAYGATE LANE AND BROOKLANDS ROAD
POTENTIAL HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS
RESULTS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

**DIVISION: THE DITTONS
HINCHLEY WOOD, CLAYGATE AND OXSHOTT**



SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

In March 2018 Committee considered proposals for cycling improvements on Claygate Lane (north), to provide a link between the existing cycle routes on Portsmouth Road and the proposed improvements on Claygate Lane (south) including alongside the two Hinchley Wood schools. Subsequently Elmbridge Borough Council awarded £25,000 CIL funding to implement a scheme.

Following comments from local residents and discussions with local councillors, it was suggested that there is a potential safety issue with cyclists currently travelling the wrong way along the one-way section of Claygate Lane (north).

A public consultation was undertaken to determine whether there is support from residents to develop any schemes to enable two-way cycling on Claygate Lane North that could affect the roads in terms of access or vehicle movements. The consultation also invited any other comments to be raised.

The Local Committee is asked to note the results of the consultation and decide how to proceed with this project.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Elmbridge) is asked to:

- (i) Note the results of the public consultation as set out in this report;
- (ii) Decide either:
 - a. Use the CIL funding to develop a scheme to enable a safe two-way cycle route to be provided in the one-way section of Claygate Lane. *This would mean making the one-way section of Claygate Lane into a two-way road. This could mean introducing a new permanent road closure in Claygate Lane. If Committee chose this option, the scheme would be put to further public consultation before a decision was made to implement the scheme.*
 - b. Use the CIL funding to implement the on-carriageway cycle route that was recommended in the feasibility study presented to Committee in March 2018. *This would mean that the one-way section of Claygate Lane would remain one-way. This would mean that children on route home from the nearby schools would continue to cycle against the one-way system.*

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To inform the Local Committee of the results of the public consultation and ask Committee to decide how to proceed with this project.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 Surrey County Council developed proposals for cycling improvements on Claygate Lane. These proposals would provide a link between the existing cycle routes on Portsmouth Road and the proposed improvements on Claygate Lane between Manor Road North and the Kingston Bypass, including alongside the two Hinchley Wood schools.
- 1.2 A location plan is attached as **Annex 1**.
- 1.3 The scheme was developed by Surrey County Council highway officers, working with County Councillors and Elmbridge Borough Councillors for the area. Options were assessed and were presented to Elmbridge Local Committee for approval in March 2018.
- 1.4 The recommended option was an on-carriageway cycle route, with associated signing and some minor kerb improvements. The route directs cyclists between the junctions of Claygate Lane/Manor Road North and Brooklands Road/Portsmouth Road. The recommended option did not include cycle lanes. A facility on the one-way section of Claygate Lane North was considered but it was not safe to provide a contra-flow for cyclists to travel against the one-way traffic, due to the narrow width of the carriageway.
- 1.5 Following comments from local residents and discussions with local councillors, it was suggested that there is a potential safety issue with cyclists currently travelling the wrong way along the one-way section of Claygate Lane North on route home from the nearby schools.
- 1.6 Committee agreed that the views of residents be sought, to determine whether there is support from residents to develop any schemes to enable two-way cycling on Claygate Lane North, noting that any such scheme could affect the roads in terms of access or vehicle movements.
- 1.7 A consultation letter was delivered in summer 2018 to residents and businesses in the immediate area. A questionnaire was also included to invite feedback.
- 1.8 Copies of the consultation letter plus questionnaire are attached as **Annex 2**
- 1.9 A plan showing the consultation area is attached as **Annex 3**.
- 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 3. In total, the consultation material was sent by post to 69 addresses.
- 2.2 There was a total of 23 responses received (a response rate of 33%).

Summary of responses

2.3 The view expressed by respondents is:

- 14 support investigation of potential measures (61%)
- 9 do not support investigation of potential measures (39%)

Other consultees

2.4 Elmbridge Borough Councillors and the emergency services were invited to comment.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 Committee now has two options to take this scheme forwards:

- a. Develop a scheme to enable a safe two-way cycle route to be provided in the one-way section of Claygate Lane.

Comment: This would mean making the one-way section of Claygate Lane into a two-way road. This could mean introducing a new permanent road closure in Claygate Lane. If Committee chose this option, the scheme would be put to further public consultation before a decision was made to implement the scheme.

- b. Implement the on-carriageway cycle route that was recommended in the feasibility study presented to Committee in March 2018.

Comment: This would mean that the one-way section of Claygate Lane would remain one-way. This would mean that children on route home from the nearby schools would continue to cycle against the one-way system

3.2 Committee is asked to choose between these options, to enable this project to move forwards. In either case the CIL funding from Elmbridge Borough Council would be used to fund the scheme.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 Proposals to investigate potential measures to enable two-way cycling on Claygate Lane North 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

Crime and Disorder implications

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

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 cyclists currently travelling the wrong way along the one-way section of Claygate Lane North.
- 9.2 Public consultation has been carried out to determine whether there is support from residents to develop schemes to enable two-way cycling on Claygate Lane North that could affect the roads in terms of access or vehicle movements.
- 9.3 Committee is asked to note the results of the public consultation as set out in this report.
- 9.4 It is recommended that the Local Committee decides to:
- a. Develop a scheme to enable a safe two-way cycle route to be provided in the one-way section of Claygate Lane, or
 - b. Implement the on-carriageway cycle route that was recommended in the feasibility study presented to Committee in March 2018.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 Subject to Committee's decision, officers will either develop options to facilitate two-way cycling in the current one-way section of Claygate Lane North, or make preparations to implement the on-carriageway cycle route.

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Consulted:

As detailed in the report

Annexes:

Annex 1: Location plan

Annex 2: Consultation letter and questionnaire

Annex 3: Consultation delivery area

Sources/background papers:

Claygate Lane feasibility study presented to Committee in March 2018

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