

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

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SUBJECT: HINCHLEY WOOD SCHOOLS
 PEDESTRIAN, CYCLIST AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

RESULTS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

DIVISION: HINCHLEY WOOD, CLAYGATE AND OXSHOTT

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

In December 2015 Committee received a petition with 529 signatories calling for improved road safety on Manor Road North leading to Claygate Lane for all pedestrians and cyclists. In response to this petition, during 2016 Road Safety Outside Schools Audits were undertaken. These audits informed further reports and recommendations to Committee in both June and October 2016.

In this context Committee made funding available from the Parking Surplus to undertake a feasibility study, which in turn led to a successful bid to Elmbridge Borough Council for CIL funding to complete the detailed design, public consultation, and implement a scheme comprising:

- Widen the footway in Claygate Lane (between Manor Road North and Kingston Bypass) for shared pedestrian and cyclist use;
- Provide an improved pedestrian crossing in Manor Road North;
- Provide improved facilities for the school crossing patrol in Claygate Lane.

These options were developed in consultation with Divisional and Ward Members.

This report presents the results of the public consultation, which has now been completed. Subject to Committee's approval, the scheme will progress to detailed design and construction, informed by the public consultation.

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, including advertisement of statutory notices as necessary, to deliver the following improvements:
 - a. Provide a 3m wide footway in Claygate Lane (between Manor Road North and Kingston Bypass) for shared pedestrian and cyclist use;
 - b. Provide a new Zebra Crossing on a raised table in Manor Road North;
 - c. Provide an improved facility for the school crossing patrol.

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 Claygate Lane is a D-class residential road that has a 30mph speed limit and a series of traffic calming features. It provides a route between A309 Kingston By-Pass and A307 Portsmouth Road. Along with residential properties, the road is also fronted by large primary and secondary schools and a church.
- 1.2 A location plan is attached as **Annex 1**.
- 1.3 The road suffers from congestion at certain times of the day, in particular at the beginning and end of the school day.
- 1.4 Local residents have expressed concerns about road safety and vehicle speeds for a number of years, including a petition to the Elmbridge Local Committee in December 2015.
- 1.5 Several measures have previously been introduced to try and address these concerns including the following:
 - A series of traffic calming features (road tables) installed along the length of Claygate Lane;
 - A school crossing patrol site established adjacent to the primary school entrance;
 - Pedestrian refuge islands installed along Manor Road North to aid pedestrian crossing;
 - Introduction of a 7.5 tonne environmental weight limit restriction along the length of Claygate Lane;
 - Introduction of parking restrictions.
- 1.6 Despite the implementation of the above measures, residents remained concerned about problems of vulnerable road users (pedestrians, cyclists, children) interacting with vehicles. Following Road Safety Outside Schools Audits in 2016, Committee agreed that a study should be undertaken to assess the extent of the problems and consider further options for improving road safety. Options were assessed in consultation with Division and Ward Members, and funding secured from Elmbridge Borough Council's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).
- 1.7 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:
 - New widened footway adjacent to Claygate Lane for shared pedestrian and cyclist use
 - Improved crossing of Manor Road North
 - Improved facility for the school crossing patrol

- 1.8 A consultation notice was delivered in summer 2018 to residents and businesses in the immediate area. This directed to information online, including a questionnaire to invite feedback. It also provided details to request a paper copy of the information and questionnaire.
- 1.9 Elmbridge Borough Councillors for the area were also consulted.
- 1.10 Copies of the consultation notice, information and questionnaire are attached as **Annexes 2, 3 and 4** respectively. A plan showing the consultation area is attached as **Annex 5**.
- 1.11 This report presents the results of the public consultation.

2. ANALYSIS:

Distribution and responses

- 2.1 The consultation notice was delivered to residents and business addresses in the area shown in Annex 5. This included properties in Claygate Lane, Chesterfield Drive, Cumberland Drive, Dene Gardens, Greenwood Close, Greenwood Road, Hill Rise, Hinchley Way, Manor Drive, Manor Road North, Manordene Close and Severn Drive. In total, the consultation notice was sent by post to 442 addresses.
- 2.2 There was a total of 271 responses received (a response rate of 61%).

Summary of responses

Claygate Lane shared use footway/cycleway

- 2.3 The view expressed by respondents is that they support measures (88%).
- 2.4 Of those that support measures, 55% preferred a 3 metre facility and 34% preferred a full width facility. The remaining 11% did not express a preference.

Manor Road North crossing

- 2.5 The view expressed by respondents is that they support measures (98%).
- 2.6 Of those that support measures, 68% preferred a zebra crossing, 25% preferred a toucan crossing and 5% preferred widening the existing crossing. The remaining 2% did not express a preference.
- 2.7 Of those that expressed a preference, 71% preferred a crossing to be on a raised table and 27% preferred not.

Claygate Lane school crossing

- 2.8 The view expressed by respondents is that they support measures (92%).

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 the following options as presented for public consultation be developed:

- *New 3m width footway adjacent to Claygate Lane for shared pedestrian and cyclist use*
- *Improved crossing of Manor Road North with a zebra crossing on a raised table*
- *Improved facility for the school crossing patrol on Claygate Lane*

These options would provide benefits for pedestrians and cyclists, particularly for access to the schools.

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, it is recommended to proceed with Option 1 as outlined above (para 3.2), i.e. **proceed with detailed design and implementation of measures, based on the proposals presented for public consultation.** The 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 Claygate Lane 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 road safety and vehicle speeds for a number of years. A study was undertaken to develop options for improvements.

9.2 Public consultation has been carried out on proposals to improve facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. 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's approval the proposals presented for public consultation will be progressed, thus proceeding with detailed design and implementation of measures. 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 the works, including advertisement of statutory notices.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 Subject to Committee's approval 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: Consultation notice

Annex 3: Consultation information

Annex 4: Questionnaire

Annex 5: Consultation delivery area

Sources/background papers:

Manor Road North and Claygate Lane petition presented in December 2015

Petition responses presented to Committee in June and October 2016.