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SUBJECT: PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTIONS

DIVISION: GUILDFORD SOUTH-EAST, GUILDFORD SOUTH-WEST

Three questions were received from the Guildford Society.

Question 1. Once Farnham Road Railway Bridge has been strengthened by Network Rail early in 2020, will it be restored to its original 3-lane operation? Are any modifications being considered to improve the operation of the mini-roundabout, with particular regard to the safety of the pedestrian crossings and cycling facilities?

Officer response

As part of the bridge strengthening works by Network Rail it is not proposed to alter the current carriageway layout or traffic management. However, the strengthening works will permit possible changes in the future to the layout to fit in with other initiatives.

Question 2. What proposals do GBC and SCC have for improving permeability west-east for cyclists without reliance upon the Farnham Road Bridge?

Officer response

As part of the Guildford Town Centre Transport Package (TCTP) Surrey County Council has committed to undertaking a series of improvements to improve the east-west A25 corridor for cyclists by providing a continuous off-road cycle facility over 2.5km between Denis Roundabout and Boxgrove Roundabout. Improvements have already been completed along A25 Midleton Road, A25 Parkway and the Stoke Crossroads junction since 2017. Construction is currently underway on A25 Woodbridge Road to complete the final gap in the off-road corridor along the south side of the A25 and is expected to finish in August 2019.

The TCTP, which is in delivery up to 2020, also includes plans for:

- **Guildford College Link+:** an east-west cycle route across the town between the new Walnut Bridge and Guildford College using a series of quiet residential roads and new controlled crossing facilities.

- **A3100 London Road:** improvements to the cycle route to the east of the town centre which aims to provide a safe off-road route between London Road rail station and Boxgrove Roundabout.

In addition to this Surrey County Council also supports Guildford Borough Council's plans for the Sustainable Movement Corridor, the western phase of which is currently underway and will improve connections for cyclists between Guildford Research Park and the rail station. Phase 2 of the proposed Sustainable Movement Corridor relates to an opportunity to replace Yorkie's Bridge with a wider bridge for bus, pedestrian and cycle use only. The Borough Council will start exploring the feasibility of delivery in the near future, but it should be noted that capital funding for this possible intervention has not yet been secured.

Question 3. Would the Transport Authority/GBC now consider re-visiting the GOTCHA study and other options for improving the operation of the Guildford Gyratory and approaches, applying more recent information and wider-ranging Origin and Destination data which we understand to be currently available?)

Officer response

Between GBC and SCC, we continue to look at potential measures to reduce congestion and improve the operation of the gyratory. This includes the Guildford Town Centre Transport package and the Unlocking Guildford package, both of which are being generously part-funded by the EM3 Local Enterprise Partnership, together with the numerous initiatives that both authorities are working on to encourage modal shift to more sustainable travel options other than the private motor vehicle.