

## SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

## LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE &amp; BANSTEAD)

DATE: 17 JUNE 2013  
 LEAD OFFICER: JOHN LAWLOR, AREA TEAM MANAGER



SUBJECT: YEW TREE BOTTOM ROAD, EPSOM DOWNS  
 - PROPOSED FOOTWAY

DIVISION: NORK AND TATTENHAMS

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

Adult Social Care is promoting the construction of a new length of footway in Yew Tree Bottom Road to link to the existing footway. The scheme would require localised realignment of the carriageway. The footway would enable their service users to safely access the existing footway network. To facilitate early construction of this scheme, the Local Committee is asked to approve the new length of footway in Yew Tree Bottom Road, subject to a commitment from Adult Social Care to fund the works in full.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**The Local Committee (Reigate & Banstead) is asked to:**

- (i) Approve the proposed new length of footway outside nos. 9, 11 and 11A Yew Tree Bottom Road and associated realignment of the carriageway, subject to funding in full by Adult Social Care and consultation with those residents directly affected by the scheme.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

To provide a safe link to the existing footway network for the residents living in Adult Social Care accommodation in Yew Tree Bottom Road.

**1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

- 1.1 Adult Social Care purchased a property in Yew Tree Bottom Road in 2011 to provide permanent residential accommodation for service users, as shown on the location plan in **Annex 1**. There is no footway outside the property although there is a footway and wide verge on the opposite side of the road. In response to a request from Adult Social Care, a link was provided in the grass verge opposite to allow the residents to cross from the driveway of the property to the opposite footway. This was funded by Adult Social Care.

- 1.2 The residents' relatives have subsequently expressed serious concerns about the safety of the residents crossing Yew Tree Bottom Road, due to traffic speeds and volumes. Adult Social Care have funded the design of a scheme to introduce a short length of footway to provide a link to the west of the property.

## **2. ANALYSIS:**

- 2.1 **Annex 2** shows the proposed footway outside nos. 9, 11 and 11A in Yew Tree Bottom Road. The scheme will require localised road widening into the existing verge opposite the property to enable realignment of the carriageway.
- 2.2 There is also statutory undertakers' equipment located in the verge, some of which will require diversion. Virgin Media have indicated that their equipment will be affected and need to be diverted. The gas company has a high pressure pipe in the grass verge and there are concerns regarding the proximity of the works to the pipe.
- 2.3 Adult Social Care is seeking to implement the proposed footway scheme at the earliest opportunity. Surrey Highways is still awaiting confirmation from Adult Social Care of their commitment to fully fund the scheme. The approval of the scheme is being sought from Reigate and Banstead Local Committee in advance of receiving this commitment to avoid delay to the commencement of works once the funding is in place. No further work on this scheme will be carried out if that funding commitment is not forthcoming.

## **3. OPTIONS:**

- 3.1 Option 1: Provide a new section of footway and associated carriageway realignment, as shown in Annex 2, to provide a link to the existing footway west of the property owned by Adult Social Care, subject to funding by Adult Social Care.
- 3.2 Option 2: Do nothing

## **4. CONSULTATIONS:**

- 4.1 The proposed footway has been the subject of Road Safety Audit. The issues raised in the audit report have been incorporated into the detailed design.
- 4.2 The residents of the properties in Yew Tree Bottom Road directly affected by the proposed footway will be consulted on the scheme.

## **5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:**

- 5.1 An indicative cost of construction of the proposed footway and associated carriageway realignment has been estimated at £55,000. Initial costs of the diversion of statutory undertakers' plan is £21,500. Both of these estimates are subject to change. There will be additional costs associated with carrying out trial holes, site supervision and Stage 3 (post construction) Road Safety Audit. The total cost of the scheme is currently estimated as £78,500.

5.2 Officers are awaiting confirmation from Adult Social Care that they have the funding committed to enable this scheme to proceed. There will be no direct impact on Reigate and Banstead Local Committee's devolved budget.

## **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. The proposed footway in Yew Tree Bottom Road will provide for the needs of adults being cared for in the community.

## **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 Adult Social Care is promoting the construction of a new length of footway in Yew Tree Bottom Road to link to the existing footway. To facilitate early construction of this scheme, the Local Committee is asked to approve the new length of footway and associated carriageway widening in Yew Tree Bottom Road, subject to a commitment from Adult Social Care to fund the works in full and consultation with residents directly affected by the scheme.

## **10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

10.1 Once the necessary funding commitment has been given to Surrey Highways, residents directly affected by the scheme will be consulted and delivery of the scheme programmed. No further work will take place if this funding commitment is not forthcoming

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**Consulted:**

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**Annexes:**

Annex 1: Location Plan

Annex 2: Scheme Drawing

**Sources/background papers:**

- Stage 1/2 Road Safety Audit Reports
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