

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)**

**DATE: 9 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**LEAD OFFICER: ZENA CURRY, AREA HIGHWAY MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: HIGHWAYS SCHEMES UPDATE REPORT**

**AREA(S) AFFECTED: ALL**



**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

To inform the Local Committee on the progress of the 2019/20 Integrated Transport and highways maintenance programmes in Reigate and Banstead, as well as other projects that are not funded through the Local Committee such as the Major Scheme work, including the centrally funded major maintenance works, the Greater Redhill STP and the A23 Resilience Project.

The existing bus stop on the southbound carriageway of the A217 Brighton Road, Burgh Heath (50m south west of St. Mary's Church) is inaccessible due to parked vehicles in the bus layby. Therefore, it is necessary to make changes to improve accessibility and ease of use and it is recommended that a bus stop clearway is installed.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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

- i. Note the contents of this report.
- ii. Agree to the installation of a bus stop clearway within the bus layby on the southbound carriageway of the A217 Brighton Road, Burgh Heath (50m south west of St. Mary's Church). This clearway will operate from 07:00-19:00 Monday to Friday and will include works to provide providing a yellow bus layby cage road marking, to a length of approximately 45m.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Programmes of work have been agreed in consultation with the Committee. The Committee is asked to note the progress of the Integrated Transport Scheme programme, capital maintenance work, and the Members Highway Fund. As well as the work that is being carried out on the Greater Redhill STP, the A23 Resilience Project and the large scale, centrally funded maintenance schemes.

## **1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

- 1.1 On 3 December 2018, subject to final approval of Full Council in February 2019, the Reigate and Banstead Local Committee agreed a programme of capital works for the 2019/20 financial year. Subsequently the budget was amended with each Local Committee receiving £100,000 and a further amount based on a formula which includes factors such as road length and population. This resulted in Reigate and Banstead receiving an increased capital budget of £211,111.
- 1.2 As a result £81,111 of the capital budget has been allocated to fund the ITS programme, which was approved by the Local Committee in December 2018. The balance of £130,000 is being used to fund capital maintenance schemes, divided equitably between divisional members. It was agreed that schemes to be progressed through the capital maintenance budget will be agreed by the Reigate & Banstead Maintenance Engineer in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and divisional members.
- 1.3 Members also have a Member Highways Fund allocation of £7,500 per divisional member. It was agreed that the Member Highways Fund would be managed by the Maintenance Engineer on the Member's behalf. The Cabinet Member for Highways has issued guidance to members on how the allocation can be used, including putting in place a number of constraints to avoid creating longer term problems.
- 1.4 In addition to the Local Committee's devolved budget, countywide budgets are being used to fund major maintenance (Operation Horizon and the Winter Recovery Programme), drainage works and other capital highway schemes. Countywide revenue budgets are used to carry out both reactive and routine planned maintenance works.
- 1.5 Developer contributions are also used in Reigate and Banstead to fund, either wholly or in part, highway improvement schemes to mitigate the impact of developments on the highway network.

## **2. ANALYSIS:**

### 2.1 Local Committee finance

The Reigate and Banstead Local Committee have delegated highway budgets for the current Financial Year 2019-20 as follows:

- Capital ITS: £81,111
- Capital Maintenance: £130,000
- Member Highway Fund: £75,000 (£7,500 per division).
- **Total: £286,111**

In addition to the delegated highway budgets above, highway officers are continuing to look for other sources of funding for schemes. Examples of this are strategic and neighbourhood CIL contributions (developer contributions), bids such as to LEP and DfT safety schemes on the A217.

The budgets delegated to Local Committee outlined above are also in addition to budgets allocated at County level to cover various major highway maintenance and improvement schemes, including footway/carrageway resurfacing, the maintenance of highway structures such as bridges and embankments, major drainage schemes and traffic light maintenance.

## 2.2 Local Committee capital works programme

Progress on the approved Local Committee funded capital programme of highway improvement works in Reigate and Banstead is set out in **Annex 1**. It also provides an update on schemes being progressed using developer contributions, Road Safety schemes and the Parking Review.

## 2.3 Local Committee capital maintenance works programme

Progress on the works to be funded from Reigate & Banstead's Local Committee's capital maintenance allocation is set out in **Annex 2**.

## 2.4 Member Highway Fund

An update of the work being funded by Members from their Member Highway Fund allocation, including the work being carried out by the Mole Valley revenue maintenance gang is provided in **Annex 3**.

## 2.5 Parking

An update on the parking review is provided in **Annex 1**.

## **Other highway related matters**

### 2.6 Customer services

**Table 1** below shows the number of enquiries received between January and June 2019 compared to the number received during the same period in 2018.

**Table 1 Customer Enquiries**

Period	Surrey Highways: Total enquiries (no.)	Reigate & Banstead: Total enquiries (no.)	No. of R&B enquiries sent to the Local Area Office
Jan-Jun 2018	91,245	11,478	4,727
Jan-Jun 2019	67,592	7,996	3,815

Between January and June 2019, the total number of enquiries received was 67,592 an average of 11,265 per month. This is a 26% decrease on the number received during the same period last year. However, there was a 40% increase on the number of enquiries received during the same period last year, which was largely attributed to the severe winter weather in 2018.

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For Reigate & Banstead specifically, 7,996 enquiries have been received during the first 6 months of 2019, of which 3,815, or 48%, were directed to the local area office for action. Of these 95% have been resolved. This response rate is slightly below the countywide average of 96%.

During the first quarter of 2019 Surrey Highways received 56 stage 1 complaints, 25 of which were escalated to Stage 2. The Highways Service was found to be partially or fully at fault in 12 of these cases. Unfortunately due to the change in the way that complaints are recorded, it is not possible at this time to give a breakdown of complaints per area or by borough/district.

2.7 The following local drainage works are to be carried out during the 2019/20 financial year;

- High Street, Banstead – construction of a new soakaway.
- Epsom Lane South, Tadworth – relocation of the existing gullies to improve the efficiency.

## 2.8 Major Schemes

### Greater Redhill STP (A23 Three Arch Road Junction)

Delivery of the Greater Redhill STP is substantially complete. Final remedial works including any necessary safety improvements as identified through the stage 3 road safety audits are being finished. This includes installation of additional bollards to enforce the no parking along the A23 cycle route south of the junction with Three Arch Road, between the Shell petrol garage and Prince Albert Square. These measures are necessary to improve safety for users of the shared pedestrian cycle route, and prevent further damage to the footway from parked vehicles.

The programme of Quality Bus Corridor (QBC) improvements along the routes served by local bus services 430/435 and 420/460, as part of the Greater Redhill STP works, is almost complete. One bus stop at Prices Lane, Woodhatch. A revised structural design is being completed for this site, after which the new shelter installation and bus stop accessibility improvements are expected to follow subject to final costs and available funding.

Horley Master Plan - Horley Master Plan forms the contribution funding for the STP project. Works are underway to deliver public realm improvements for Horley town centre.

On completion of all remaining works Surrey County Council will undertake project monitoring and evaluation. This is designed to measure and record the benefits provided by the built scheme and review against project objectives. A plan for this review work will commence shortly and will be overseen by the Member Task Group.

Public consultation on the proposed scheme for the A23 Three Arch Road junction is complete. The consultation analysis was presented to the June Local Committee outlining the next steps. Detail design stage for this scheme is now underway.

Further information on the Redhill STP including the current newsletter can be found on the Surrey CC Major Schemes web page;

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/policies-plans-consultations/major-transport-projects/reigate-and-banstead-major-transport-schemes>

#### Chetwode Road

An update on this project is the subject of a separate report to this local committee.

#### A23 Resilience Project

The Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership approved a business case for the A23 Resilience project with a value of £4.9m. The business case was essentially to upgrade and repair drainage infrastructure and to carry out carriageway reconstruction/resurfacing on A25 Redstone Hill and specified locations on the A23 from Redhill Town Centre to south of Chequers roundabout in Horley.

Works commenced at the beginning of 2018, with an extensive survey of drainage asset data. The survey included high pressure water cleansing of all gullies and highway drains to enable the CCTV surveys to be carried out. The survey work informed an extensive programme of drainage repairs and capacity improvements that have been ongoing since March 2018.

Carriageway resurfacing commenced in March 2018 at the section of A25 Redstone Hill under the rail bridge which was prone to flooding and had a very poor road surface. The following sections of the A23 have also been reconstructed/resurfaced as part of the A23 Resilience Project.

- Chequers roundabout, Horley.
- A23 Horley Road – between the junctions of Three Arch Road and Woodhatch Road.
- A23 Brighton Road – between the junctions of Woodhatch Road and Lodge Lane.
- A23 Brighton Road – Lodge Lane up to Bonehurst Bridge.
- A23 London Road – from Lombard Roundabout to the junction with Linkfield Lane (substantially complete, anti-skid surfacing is to be installed later on in the year).

To date approximately £1.8m of carriageway reconstruction and resurfacing has been successfully carried out this year.

In addition to the above, the main highway drainage through and around the Three Arch junction has been upgraded. The final phase of planned work will be for drainage improvement works from north of the Three Arch junction, via

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Hooley Lane junction to Grove Hill Road junction. This work is anticipated to commence in October.

The Local Enterprise Partnership, Coast to Capital, have recently carried out an interim audit and recommended a GREEN rating for the project. Their definition of this rating is: *“Successful delivery of the project appears highly likely including timeline, cost and quality. There are no outstanding or potential issues at this stage”*.

A summary report regarding this scheme will be submitted to the Local Committee once this scheme is complete.

### M25 Junction 8 (Reigate Hill, Reigate) Improvement Works

Highways England have a scheme that is being developed to carry out improvement works to the junction 8 roundabout. These improvement works include the following;

- Upgrading the traffic signal installation throughout the junction
- Adding an extra lane on the A217 northbound approach
- Widening into the existing verge and extending the anti-clockwise exit slip road
- Adding an extra lane on the north circulatory section of the roundabout
- Widening lanes on the east and west bridge section of the roundabout
- Improving road signs and markings
- Widening and realignment on the A217 southbound to two lanes that merge prior to Wray Lane

Additional information regarding this scheme can be found on the Highways England website at the following location;

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/m25-junction-8-junction-improvement/>

Surrey County Council are liaising with Highways England regarding traffic management required whilst these works are carried out.

### M23 Smart Motorway

Highways England are continuing works to improve the busy 18km (11 miles) stretch of the M23 between junction 8 near Merstham and junction 10 near Copthorne by upgrading it to an “all lane running” (ALR) smart motorway.

These works began in March 2018 and are expected to be completed by early 2020. These works will result in;

- An additional lane for traffic increasing capacity to reduce congestion.

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- More technology on the road to manage incidents.
- More reliable journeys.

Updated information regarding this scheme can be found on Highways England website at the following location;

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/m23-junctions-8-to-10-smart-motorway/>

## 2.9 Centrally funded maintenance

### Operation Horizon

The Operation Horizon Team's programmes of major maintenance works for 2019-20 for the Reigate and Banstead area, are published on Surrey County Council's website here:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/horizon-highway-maintenance-investment-programme>

### Severe weather recovery programme

A list of roads included within the severe weather recovery programme is published on Surrey County Council's website. This list consists of over 200 roads across the county and can be found at the following location on the website;

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/horizon-highway-maintenance-investment-programme>

All of these roads have been put forward by local members or the local highway teams.

## 2.10 Road Safety

The Road Safety Working Group meets every 6 months to review personal injury collision data provided by Surrey Police. The Road Safety Working Group is attended by Surrey County Council Road Safety Engineers, Surrey County Council Highway Engineers and Surrey Police. An update on road safety schemes that have been identified by the Road Safety Working Group is provided in **Annex 1**.

## 2.1 Passenger Transport

The existing Reigate Road bus stop on the southbound carriageway of the A217 Brighton Road, which is approximately 50m south west of St. Mary's Church in Burgh Heath is inaccessible to buses due to parked vehicles.

This existing southbound bus stop is currently served by Metrobus services 318 and 820. Buses are currently unable to access the bus stop due to parked vehicles in the layby. As part of an investigation into this, Metrobus have also confirmed that this is an operational issue for them.

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It is important that buses are able to access stops to provide step-free access, to ensure that all passengers are able to safely board and alight, especially those with limited mobility, wheelchair users or those with push chairs. Where there is unrestricted parking, this is not possible and buses are prevented from drawing level with the kerb.

It is therefore proposed to introduce a bus clearway within the layby on the southbound carriageway of the A217 Brighton Road, which is approximately 50m south west of St. Mary's Church in Burgh Heath. This bus clearway is proposed to be in operation from 07:00-19:00 Monday to Friday. This will also include providing a yellow bus layby cage road marking, to a length of approximately 45m.

Figure 1 below shows the bus stop in question.



**Figure 1 – A217 Brighton Road (southbound) bus stop – located 50m south of St. Mary's Church, Burgh Heath**

### 2.2 Other key information, strategy and policy development

#### Winter Service

The Cold Weather Plan sets out the Winter Service for treating the highway in order to prevent ice from forming (precautionary salting), melt ice and snow that has already formed (post salting), and removal of snow in a snow event.

The Cold Weather Plan is now on Surrey County Council's website and can be found at the following location;

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/salting-and-gritting>

Salting Routes and the location grit bins can also be seen on a map on Surrey County Council's website at the following location;

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/salting-and-gritting/salting-routes-in-surrey>

County Councillors can request and pay for new grit bins, or extension of use of an existing grit bin, by contacting the Maintenance Engineer, who will advise.

### **3. OPTIONS:**

- 3.1 No options to consider at this stage. Officers will revert to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Member or indeed the Committee as appropriate, whenever preferred options need to be identified.

### **4. CONSULTATIONS:**

- 3.1 Not applicable at this stage. Officers will consult the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional members as appropriate in the delivery of work programmes.

### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

- 5.1 The financial implications of the Local Committee's delegated budget is detailed in section 2.1 of this report.
- 5.2 The key objective with regard to the 2019/20 budgets will be managed to a neutral position.

### **6. WIDER IMPLICATIONS:**

- 6.1 The Integrated Transport Scheme programme, the capital maintenance programme and Local Member Fund does not significantly impact on any of the areas identified on the table below. The Integrated Transport Schemes and capital maintenance work is carried out in order to improve the road network for all users.

<b>Area assessed:</b>	<b>Direct Implications:</b>
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications
Equality and Diversity	No significant implications
Localism (including community involvement and impact)	No significant implications
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications
Public Health	No significant implications

**7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 7.1 Progress on the programme of local committee capital highway works in Reigate & Banstead is set out in **Annex 1**.
- 7.2 Progress on the works to be funded from Reigate & Banstead's Local Committee's capital maintenance allocation is set out in **Annex 2**.
- 7.3 An update of the work being funded by members from their Member Highway Fund allocation, including the work being carried out by the Mole Valley revenue maintenance gang is provided in **Annex 3**.
- 7.4 Information regarding the number of customer enquiries, the Greater Redhill STP, A23 Resilience Project, M25 Junction 8 Improvement Works, the M23 Smart Motorway Scheme, Centrally Funded Maintenance and Road Safety works is also included within this report.
- 7.5 The Local Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.
- 7.6 The Local Committee is asked to Agree to the installation of a bus stop clearway within the bus layby on the southbound carriageway of the A217 Brighton Road, Burgh Heath (50m south west of St. Mary's Church). This clearway will operate from 07:00-19:00 Monday to Friday and will include works to provide providing a yellow bus layby cage road marking, to a length of approximately 45m.

**8. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

- 8.1 Delivery of the highway works programme will continue and a further update report will be presented to the Local Committee in September.

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**Consulted:**

Not applicable.

**Annexes:**

Annex 1: Summary of approved Local Committee capital works programme progress

Annex 2: Progress on works funded through the Local Committee's Capital Maintenance Allocation.

Annex 3: Update on the work being funded from the Members Highway Fund.

**Background papers:**

- Report to Reigate and Banstead Local Committee, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018, "Highways Forward Programme 2019/20"