



SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN ELMBRIDGE – 5 December 2019

AGENDA ITEM 04

WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Question 1: Gaby Brocking

Re: New cycle lane – Queens Road, Weybridge

Please could there be a new cycle lane installed along the Queens Road in Weybridge, specifically the section between Sir Richards bridge, and the Severn Hills Road.

The pavement along this section is very narrow, the speed limit is 40mph, making cyclists and pedestrians very vulnerable.

If the bushes were cut back, there would be enough space on the side of Walton Leigh school.

Officer Response:

The Local Committee agrees that it would be beneficial to implement a new cycle route along Queens Road. Already on the Local Committee's prioritisation list for Transport Improvement schemes there is a project entitled "New cycle route connecting Weybridge and Hersham (possibly along Queens Road and St George's Avenue)". This route would include the section of Queens Road between Sir Richard's Bridge and Seven Hills Road. Nearby Committee has already commissioned a feasibility study for a new route along Seven Hills Road, and Highways England, as part of their Wisley Interchange Scheme, have proposed new routes between Seven Hills Road across the Painshill roundabout towards Cobham, and also between the Painshill and Ockham roundabouts. A new route along Queens Road would complement these as part of a strategic network of cycle routes.

For a new cycle route to be implemented along Queens Road it would require significantly more work than just cutting back the vegetation. The width of the surface would need to be widened to provide a wide enough route for pedestrians and cyclists to share comfortably. The dropped kerbs across side roads and driveways might also need improving. We would also need to provide safe facilities for cyclists to join and leave the route at each end. All this would need to be assessed as part of a detailed feasibility study.

Unfortunately Committee is not able to move ahead with every beneficial scheme all at the same time. Members will see from the Highways Update Report that there are already a number of schemes being developed; Committee's programme of work is already full at the present time. This is a capacity limit rather than a financial limitation. It may be possible to commence new feasibility studies towards the end of next Financial Year 2020-21, in anticipation of CIL bids for funding to construct schemes in 2022-23 or 2023-24.

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