

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE

DATE: 27 February 2020

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SUBJECT: A30 London Road, Camberley Highway Improvements

SUMMARY OF ISSUES:

The purpose of this report is to seek member approval to implement the proposed highway improvements on A30 London Road, Camberley and to seek approval to advertise legal orders and notices in association with the overall scheme.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) is asked to approve:

- (i) the proposed highway improvements described in paragraph 1.3 of this report and shown in Annex 1 and Annex 2,
- (ii) the advertising of all necessary legal notices and traffic orders to enable the implementation of the proposals detailed in paragraph 1.3 and shown in Annex 1 and Annex 2. The County Council's intention is to make the required orders under the Road Traffic regulation act 1984 to be advertised and, if no objections are maintained, the order(s) be made;
- (iii) that if objections are received to the advertisement of the legal notices and traffic orders, that the Area Team Manager is authorised to resolve them in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Divisional Members and Project Manager, and that this issue only be returned to Committee if any objections prove insurmountable.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To ensure that the A30 London Road Camberley Highway Improvements Scheme receives the necessary approvals to start construction currently planned to commence in summer 2020. Once implemented, the improvements will contribute towards achieving the objectives;

- a. The Meadows Gyratory and Corridor Improvements Scheme, approved by EM3 LEP in March 2015;
- b. Surrey County Council's Local Transport Strategy (LTS) for Surrey Heath
- c. Camberley Town Centre Area Action Plan;
- d. The EM3 Strategic Economic Plan (SEP)

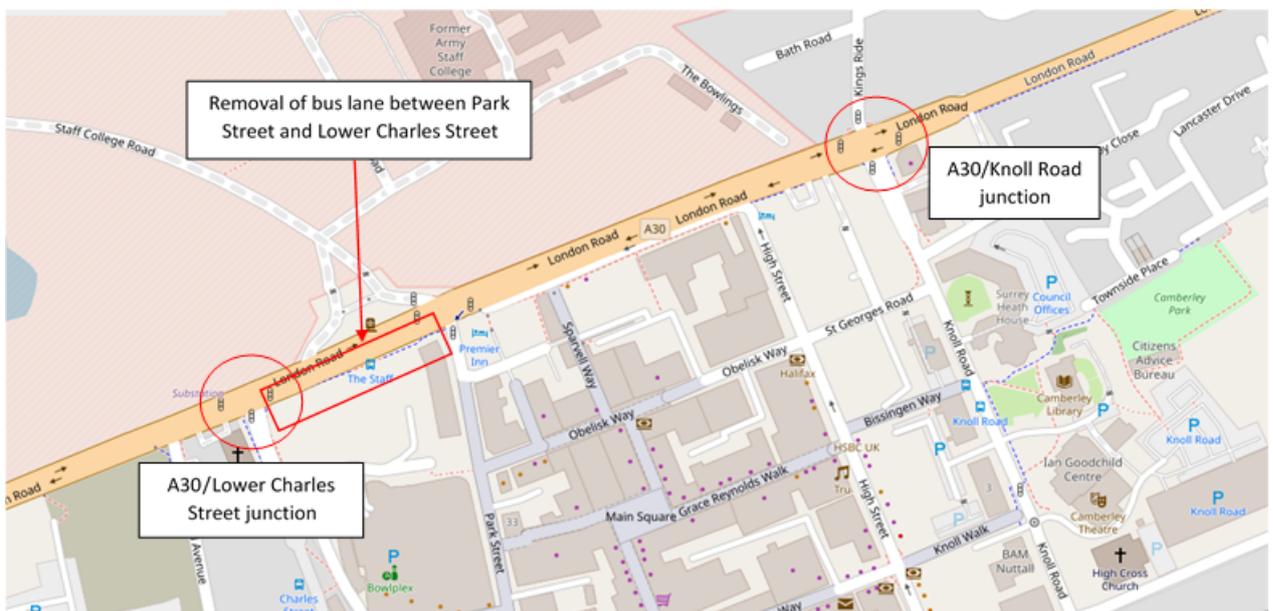
The benefits the proposed A30 London Road, Camberley Highways Improvements Scheme will bring are:

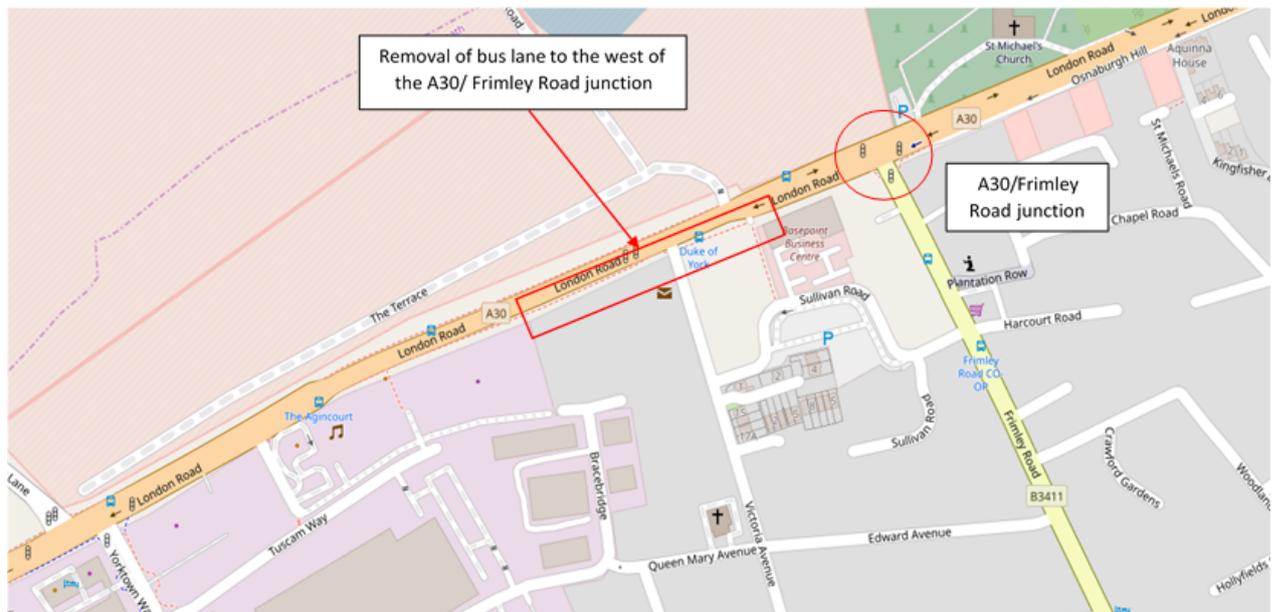
- a. To improve access to Camberley Town Centre;
- b. To create the conditions for unlocking the development of the London Road Block;
- c. To enhance and sustain the benefits of the improvement to the Meadows Gyratory;
- d. To enhance the quality and use of public transport, disabled access, cycling and pedestrian facilities; and
- e. To improve bus reliability and maintain bus journey times to make travel by bus more attractive and encourage more passengers.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to seek member approval to implement the proposed highway improvements on A30 London Road Camberley and to seek approval to advertise legal orders and notices in association with the overall scheme.
- 1.2 The proposed highway improvements are funded through the Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership (EM3 LEP) Local Growth Funding (LGF) with matched funding from Surrey County Council.
- 1.3 Surrey County Council propose to implement the following highway improvements:
- Reducing street clutter on the A30 corridor between Knoll Road and Laundry Lane;
 - The introduction of a staggered toucan crossing to benefit pedestrians and cyclists on the south arm of the A30/Knoll Road junction;
 - Shortening of the central island at the A30/ Lower Charles Street junction to better accommodate left turning bus movements;
 - Improvements to the junction configuration and layout at the A30/Frimley Road junction to assist bus turning movements and to increase junction capacity;
 - Associated traffic signal enhancements and Intelligent Bus Priority at A30/Knoll Road, A30/Lower Charles Street the A30/Frimley Road junctions to ensure 'optimum' traffic signal operation and to minimise journey time for buses through the junctions;
 - Removal of the bus lane on the A30 between Park Street and Lower Charles Street and changing it into an all traffic use lane; and
 - The removal of the bus lane on the A30 to the west of Frimley Road junction only if changes are made to the parking restrictions on the marked parking bays on the A30. The request to consult on the proposed changes to the existing parking restrictions will be carried out by Surrey County Council and approval from the Local Committee will be sought to advertise necessary legal notices and traffic orders to enable the implementation of the changed parking restrictions. No changes will be made to the bus lane if the parking restrictions remain as they are.
- 1.4 The location of these improvements is shown next.





- 1.5 Surrey County Council has confirmed that the proposed improvements can be delivered by the EM3 LEP LGF funding timescale i.e. 31 March 2021.
- 1.6 Surrey Heath Borough Council and Surrey County Council members have been briefed on the above proposals at the Surrey Heath Major Scheme Task Group meeting on 5/2/20.

Background

- 1.7 Surrey County Council has secured Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership Funding for the A30 London Road Camberley Highway Improvements. The original LEP bid was submitted in August 2018. EM3 LEP funding was eventually confirmed in May 2019. SCC have until end March 2021 to complete the EM3LEP LGF funding.
- 1.8 The A30 London Road Camberley Highway Improvement scheme is one part of a wider programme of comprehensive improvements in the Blackwater Valley area. Other improvements include the Meadows Gyratory, Camberley Town Centre Public Realm and the Blackwater Valley Quality Bus Corridors project (Gold Grid).
- 1.9 The main objectives of the A30 London Road, Camberley Highway Improvements scheme are;
 - f. To improve access to Camberley Town Centre;
 - g. To create the conditions for unlocking the development of the London Road Block;
 - h. To enhance and sustain the benefits of the improvement to the Meadows Gyratory;
 - i. To enhance the quality and use of public transport, disabled access, cycling and pedestrian facilities; and
 - j. To improve bus reliability and maintain bus journey times to make travel by bus more attractive and encourage more passengers.
- 1.10 These objectives have been developed in response to major challenges faced by Camberley Town Centre.

2. ANALYSIS:

Scheme Design

- 3.1 Engineering consultants Atkins have been commissioned by Surrey Council to design the A30 London Road Camberley Highway Improvements. Atkins were also commissioned by

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Surrey to undertake traffic modelling of the impacts of the proposed highway improvements. The traffic modelling confirms that the proposed improvements will improve traffic flow on the A30 and improve average bus journey time along the A30.

- 2.1 The highway improvements have undergone a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit. The design will be submit to a Stage 2 Road Safety Audit before being implemented.

Required Legal orders and Notices

- 2.2 The Local Committee is asked to approve the advertisement of appropriate notice for the proposed highway improvements described in this Report.

Temporary Traffic Management Orders

- 2.5 The majority of work will generally be carried out from Mondays to Fridays, with restricted lane closures operating between the hours 09.30am and 16.00pm. However, some night time works will be required, subject to Surrey County Council Street-works permits.
- 2.6 During the working hours, access to properties and businesses will be maintained at all times. However, in order that the works are carried out as safely and efficiently as possible, temporary lane / road closures with traffic diversions and some parking / loading suspensions will be required when necessary whilst the works take place.
- 2.7 Surrey County Council, as lead authority for the work, will seek to minimise disruption to businesses and the travelling public and will ensure that adequate advanced notifications are provided to publicise what is happening and when, leading up to and during the construction works.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.2 Surrey County Council have commissioned Atkins to undertake traffic modelling of the impacts of the proposed highway improvements. The traffic modelling confirms that the proposed improvements will improve traffic flow on the A30 and improve average bus journey time along the A30. The improvements will encourage walking, cycling and travel by public transport.
- 3.3 The Do-nothing case will result in worsening of traffic congestion along the A30 creating delays to traffic to and from Camberley town centre.
- 3.4 The development of the scheme builds upon the comments received during the public exhibitions held in 2017.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 Any traffic orders and notices required for the highway improvements described above will be advertised as per the prescribed procedures and any objections will be dealt with by the Area Team Manager, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Divisional Members and Project manager, under delegated authority from this Local Committee (subject to approval).

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 The indicative costs for the processing of the relevant traffic orders and notices are included within the overall project management costs for the scheme.

- 5.1 The current estimated cost for the scheme is £2.5 million. At this present time, Surrey County Council are in negotiations with EM3 LEP to secure this £2.5m total funding. At the very least Surrey County Council will secure £1.9m total funding.
- 5.2 Should only £1.9m total funding be secured for this scheme, all proposed improvements will be undertaken except for the removal of the bus lane on the A30 to the west of Frimley Road junction will not be undertaken. Also the reducing of street clutter on the A30 corridor will only be undertaken between Knoll Road and Frimley Road.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 Surrey County Council is mindful of equalities and diversity in relation to its activities and attempts to treat all users of the public highway equally and understanding. The improvements in the 'A30 London Road, Camberley Highway Improvements scheme' aim to improve safety and accessibility.

7. LOCALISM:

- 7.1 Surrey County Council is mindful of equalities and diversity in relation to its activities and attempts to treat all users of the public highway equally and understanding. The improvements in the 'A30 London Road, Camberley Highway Improvements scheme' aim to improve safety and accessibility.
- 7.2 The headline benefits of the A30 London Road, Camberley highway improvements scheme are to boost economic growth by introducing highway improvement schemes to ease congestion on the A30/A331 corridor and to encourage walking, cycling and travel by public transport.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area Assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications arising from this report
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications arising from this report
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

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 9.1 It is recommended that the proposals set out in Annex 2 of this report be advertised.
- 9.2 The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) is asked to approve:**
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10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 10.1 Subject to the approval of this Local Committee, Surrey County Council will advertise the all necessary legal notices and traffic orders and proceed with the implementation of the proposals detailed in paragraph 1.3 and shown in Annex 1 and Annex 2.
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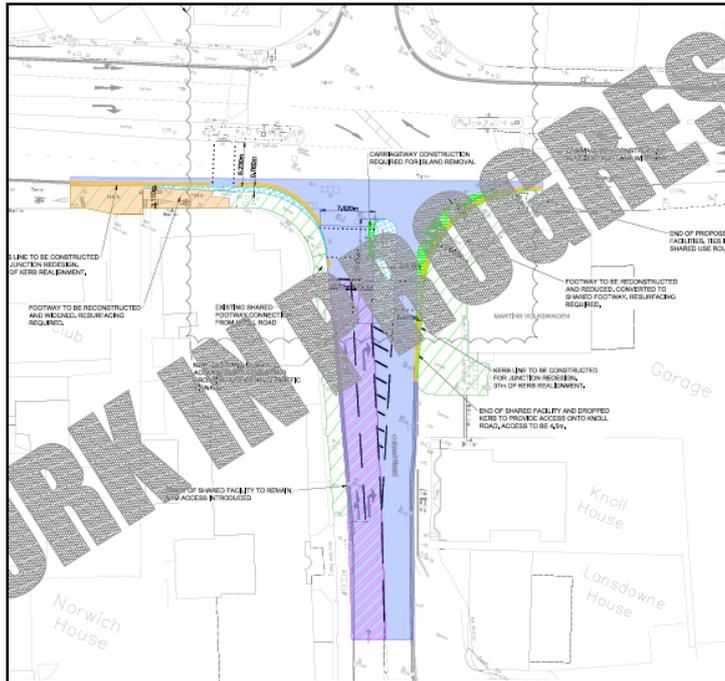
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Annex 2 Summary of Measures, Notices & Approvals to Advertise

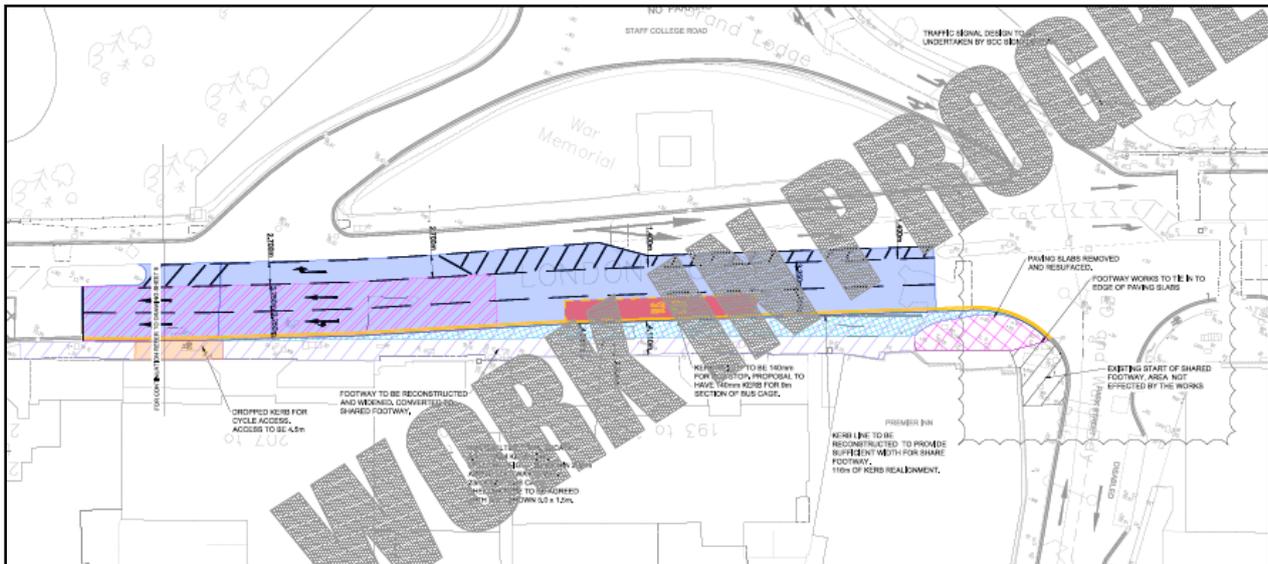
(Both Annexes are included within the report)

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The introduction of a staggered toucan crossing on the south arm of the A30/Knoll Road junction

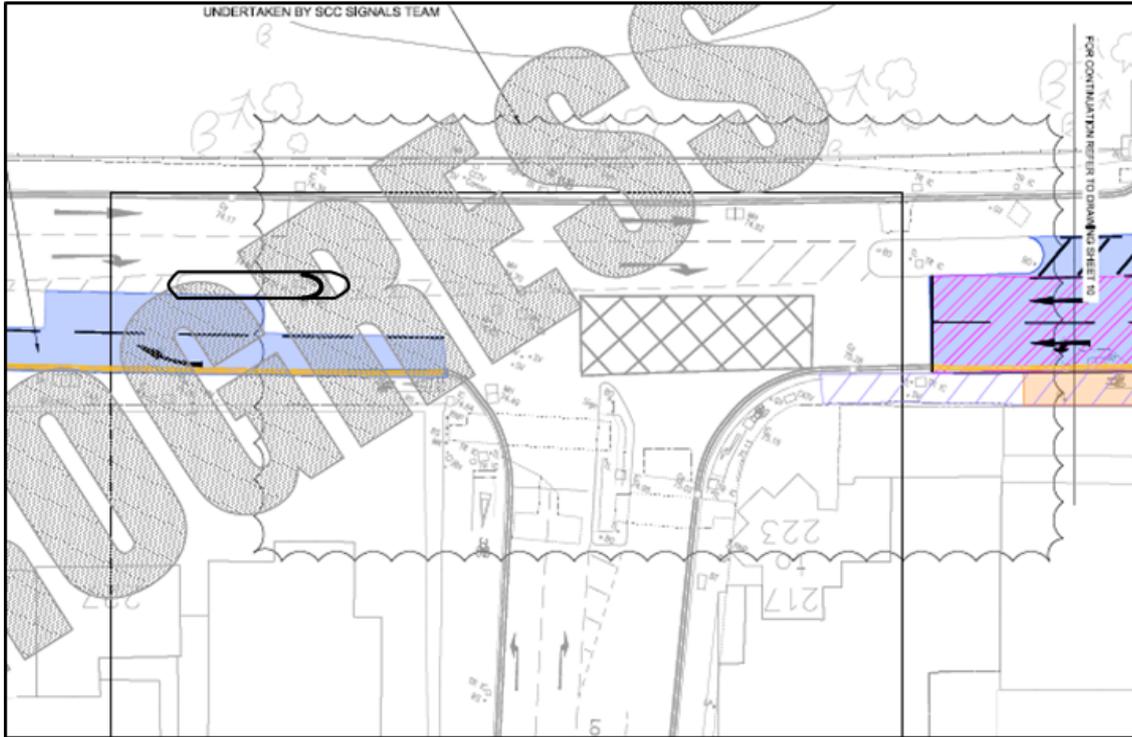


Removal of the bus lane on the A30 between Park Street and Lower Charles Street and changing it into an all traffic use lane

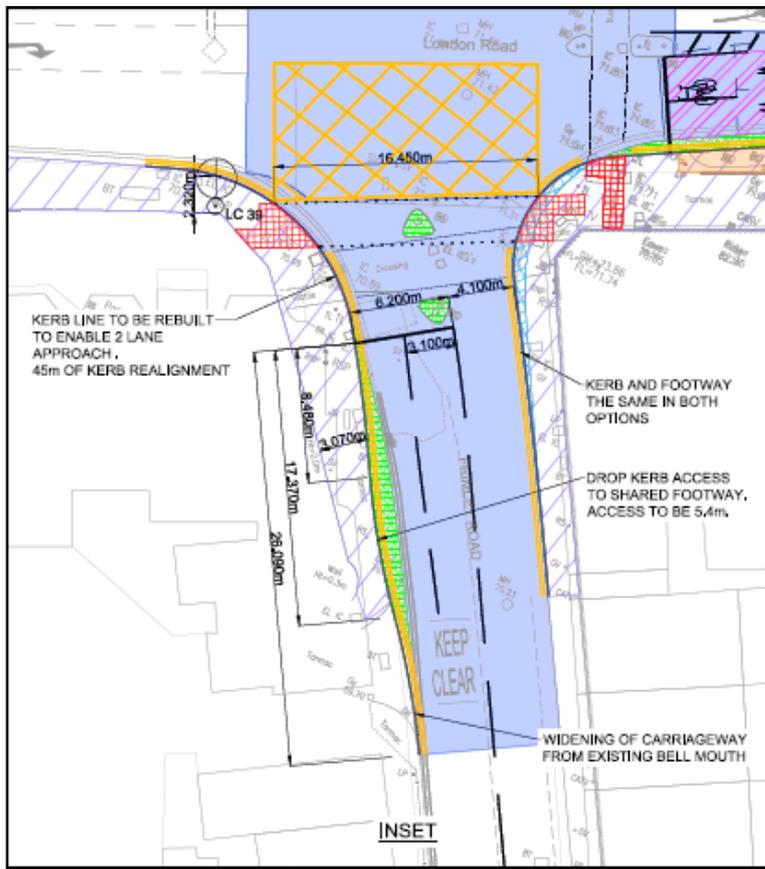


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Shortening of the central island at the A30/ Lower Charles Street Junction



Improvements to the junction configuration and layout at the A30/Frimley Road Junction



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Annex 2 – A30 London Road Camberley Highway Improvements – Summary of Measures, Notices & Approvals to Advertise

Area	Note proposed measures:	Notices & Approval to Advertise:
A30/Knoll Road junction;	(i) The provision of a staggered toucan crossing	(i) The provision of a staggered toucan crossing.
A30/ Lower Charles Street junction	(ii) Amendments to the layout of the traffic island	(i) Amendments to the layout of the traffic island
A30/Frimley Road junction	(i) Amendments to the junction configuration, layout and pedestrian footpath through this junction (ii) Removal of the advance cycle stopline marking	(ii) Amendments to the junction configuration, layout and pedestrian footpath through this junction (iii) Removal of the advance cycle stopline marking