

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)****DATE: 2nd SEPTEMBER 2013****LEAD OFFICER: JAMES YOUNG, WALTON BRIDGE PROJECT SUPERVISOR****SUBJECT: A244 WALTON BRIDGE – TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS****DIVISION: WALTON SOUTH AND OATLANDS, WALTON****SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

The new Walton Bridge opened for traffic on 22 July 2013. The next phase in the programme will involve completing the final road layout on all approaches to the new bridge.

This will involve the introduction of traffic calming, adjustments to speed limit and weight restrictions as initially approved by Cabinet on 5 January 2010.

RECOMMENDATIONS:**The Local Committee (Elmbridge) is asked to:**

- (i) Authorise the advertising and making of the Traffic Regulation Orders and the publication of the Traffic Calming Public Notice as set out in section 1, in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and The Highways Act 1980, in the geographic area this committee has responsibility for;
- (ii) Authorise the Area Team Manager and Walton Bridge Project Manager to seek to resolve any objections received in connection with the proposals, in consultation with the relevant Chairman of the Local Committee and relevant Local Members.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To manage traffic within the limits of the Walton Bridge scheme, once the construction has been completed.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

1.1 A number of permanent Traffic Regulation Orders are needed in connection with the new Walton Bridge project. They will:

- a. Amend the existing 7.5 tonne weight restriction on Walton Lane (Walton). This is required so that the restriction accords with the realignment of the road, where it rises from the riverside up to the junction with the A244.
- b. Introduce a 20mph Zone along Walton Lane (Walton) where it passes through Cowey Sale. The aim of the Zone is to introduce a parkland

atmosphere to the road. This will be achieved in conjunction with traffic calming, surface treatment, and gateway signing.

- c. Control parking on the public section of the new access road to Walton Marina. The controls are required to prevent obstruction of the road and to reserve the adjacent parking bays for use by disabled people, who value the ability to park on the riverside;
- d. Re-introduce two-way working in Walton Lane (Shepperton), between the re-aligned Thames Meadow and Walton Bridge Road. Two-way working will improve access to the A244 for the residents and businesses in Thames Meadow, who currently have a long diversion route due to the one-way street.
- e. Cancel the existing 7.5 tonne weight limit and prohibition of vehicular traffic, on the old (Callender-Hamilton) temporary bridge. Once the bridge has been removed these powers will no longer be required.

1.2 A series of speed tables are proposed on Walton Lane (Walton) where it passes through Cowey Sale. They will help with observance of the 20mph Zone; ease crossing of the road; and contribute to the parkland atmosphere.

1.3 A speed table is proposed on Walton Lane (Shepperton) between the junction with the A244 Walton Bridge Road and the junction with Thames Meadow. This will help with observance of the 30mph speed limit and ease crossing of the road for pedestrians and cyclists.

1.4 The request for authorisation was originally gained from Cabinet on 5 January 2010 but due to unforeseen delays officers did not progress with the advertising of the Traffic Regulation Orders and Traffic Calming Notices and so the two year authorisation period has expired.

1.5 Drawings showing the proposed traffic calming, adjustments to speed limit and weight restrictions will be tabled on the day of the committee meeting.

2. ANALYSIS:

2.1 The analysis of the proposed measures that require Traffic Regulation Orders has been undertaken prior to the submission of the first report to Cabinet which was subsequently approved by Cabinet on 5 January 2010 in accordance with Surrey County Council's Speed Limit Policy and Traffic Calming Good Practice Guidance.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 There are no alternatives to the proposed permanent Traffic Regulation Orders, so they will either be implemented or not implemented. There may be scope to vary the extent of some of the Traffic Regulation Orders, if appropriate, in response to any objections received.

3.2 Objections to the Traffic Regulation Orders could lead to them not being confirmed. However, whilst the permanent Traffic Regulation Orders add value to the benefits of the Walton Bridge project, they are all ancillary to the provision of the new bridge but their exclusion will have an impact on creating the parkland atmosphere within the Cowey Sale area.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 Formal consultation will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the legislation covering the Traffic Regulation Orders and the Traffic Calming Public Notice.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 Financial provision for the Traffic Regulation Orders is included within the overall budget for the Walton Bridge project.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 The scheme is being designed to make appropriate provision for all highway users. Particular provision has been made for the disabled, pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians.

7. LOCALISM:

- 7.1 The new and amended Traffic Regulation Orders will assist in enhancing the riverside environment, and aiding local accessibility.
- 7.2 Local communities would be affected by having to comply with the speed limit and movement restrictions agreed upon by the local committee.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

- 8.1 A well-managed highway network can contribute to reduction in crime and disorder as well as improve peoples' perception of crime.

9. CONCLUSION:

- 9.1 The report requests authorisation to advertise and make a number of Traffic Regulation Orders and publish Public Notices as stated in sections 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 that are required in connection with the Walton Bridge project.
- 9.2 The recommendations are to authorise the advertisement and making of all required Traffic Regulation Orders as stated in sections 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 and the Area Team Manager and Walton Bridge Project Manager to seek to resolve any objections received in connection with the proposals.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 10.1 Subject to Local Committee approval, the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders and Public Notices will be advertised and objections invited. If any objections are received the Area Team Manager and Walton Bridge Project Manager will seek to resolve them, in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee and Local Member. Subject to no objections being maintained, the Traffic Regulation Orders will then be made and the traffic calming constructed.
- 10.2 The likely date of completion of all of the works by the end of March 2014.

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Consulted: None.

Annexes: None.

Sources/background papers: Report to SCC Cabinet 5/1/2010.
