

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR GUILDFORD

DATE: WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2013
LEAD OFFICER: JOHN HILDER, SCC AREA HIGHWAY MANAGER SW
SUBJECT: HIGHWAYS UPDATE
DIVISION: ALL

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

This report provides an update on the 2013/14 programme of minor highway works funded by this committee as well as Section 106 (developer funded) and Casualty Reduction Group (CRG) schemes.

RECOMMENDATIONS:**The Local Committee is asked to:**

- (i) Note progress.
- (ii) Agree that an the allocation for the Lengsthman scheme be increased from £15,000 to £25,000.
- (iii) Agree to extend the 30mph speed limit in Send Barns Lane from its existing location, near the entrance to the medical centre, to a point near the junction with Kevan Drive, a distance of approximately 240m.
- (iv) Agree that a 30mph speed limit is introduced in Gole Road (currently 40mph) from the junction with the A243 Dawney Hill to a point approximately 1/2km to the west.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The committee is asked to allocate additional funding to the Lengsthman initiative in view of the ongoing interest expressed by several parish councils in addition to those who have already made bids.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:
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1.1 Budgets available to this committee in 2013/14 are as follows.

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Capital ITS (Improvement) Schemes	263,000
Capital Maintenance	263,000
Revenue Maintenance	317,000
Total	843,000
And in addition	
Community Enhancement Fund	50,000

1.2 At the meeting of 13 March 2013 the committee agreed that this funding should be allocated as follows:-

General Revenue Works

New signs, bollards etc by Guildford team	£20,000
'Community Gang' for 48 weeks	£96,000
Jetter for 5 weeks	£25,000
Ad-hoc maintenance work by the Guildford team	£20,000
Reserve funding for the Lengthsman scheme	£15,000
Sub total	£176,000
ITS (improvement) schemes	£424,000
Market Street Refurbishment	£120,000
Total	£720,000

1.3 The committee agreed the residual **£123,000** (843k – 720k) should be held in reserve against potential increases in costs since estimates made before design has commenced are indicative at best. Any surplus could be directed to LSR (surfacing) work later in the year.

2. SCHEME PROGRESS:

LENGSTHMAN INITIATIVE

2.1 The committee agreed to fund the following Lengthsman (or localism) bids from the £15,000 set aside for this initiative:-

Ash Parish Council	£4,800
Pirbright Parish Council	£864
Shere Parish Council	£3,500
Worplesdon Parish Council	<u>£5,000</u>
	£14,164

2.2 Following lengthy discussion with the area highways team Ash, Pirbright and Shere are expected to sign the formal agreements in the near future, releasing funding.

2.3 Worplesdon PC has now withdrawn its bid.

2.4 'The Horsleys' (up to six parishes to the east of Guildford town) had expressed interest in the initiative back in March, though they made no formal bid at that time. These parishes have been in discussion with the local member and area team, and intend to make a bid should additional funding be allocated by the committee.

2.5 With the withdrawal of Worplesdon approximately £6,000 Lengthsman funding is now unallocated. The Area Manager recommends that a further £10,000 is allocated from the £123,000 held in reserve and that he agrees or otherwise any further bids up to a total value of £16,000 in consultation with the Chairman and/or Vice Chairman of the committee.

MARKET STREET REFURBISHMENT

2.6 Market Street refurbishment in block paving had been included in the 2012/13 LSR programme funded by this committee. However it was agreed it should be substituted with 'blacktop' surfacing schemes in view of the risk that the complexity of the scheme would mean that it would not be delivered by the end of that financial year, and funding has been allocated in 2013/14.

2.7 Market Street has been combined with North Street refurbishment Phase 2, which will see the steps and market/parking areas in North Street remodelled. Work started on site in August and is expected to complete by December.

CONSTRUCT 3 SCHEMES DEFERRED FROM 2012/13

2.8 The estimated cost for all three schemes is **£180,000**.

2.9 Pirbright Village Safety scheme

- Final design to be agreed with PC in September, install Nov/Dec.

2.10 Gole Road in Pirbright

- The local committee meeting in June considered a petition from residents of Gole Road in Pirbright for measures to reduce vehicle speeds, and agreed this should be included as part of the village safety scheme. The design team recommend that a 30 speed limit is introduced in Gole Road (currently 40mph) from the junction with the A243 Dawney Hill to a point approximately 1/2km to the west, and that village gateways are installed at this location.

2.11 Shere Village Safety Scheme

- Exhibition in Shere first week of September, install Feb/March. Making Upper Street one-way or no-entry at one end is under consideration and may feature in 2014/15 programme.

2.12 Pedestrian refuge in Portsmouth Road, Ripley

- Parish Council has agreed preferred location at the village hall. Design being refined to accommodate lorries turning for access, install Oct/Nov.

CONSTRUCT FURTHER SCHEMES AGREED AT 13 MARCH LC MEETING

2.13 Road table at Warren Road, Charlotteville

- Design complete, install Oct/Nov. Estimated cost £15,000.

2.14 Safer pedestrian crossing at rail bridge, Salt Box Road, Whitmoor Common

- Design being developed by area team in consultation with countryside officers since located on common land. Install Feb/March. Estimated cost £20,000.

2.15 Bus stop platform at The Street, Albury

- Design complete, SCC structures team checking. Install Feb/March. Estimated cost £10,000.

2.16 Anti-skid and bollards Queen Eleanor's Road, Dennisville

- This road will be re-surfaced in 2014/15 under the project Horizon programme so anti-skid not necessary, focus on safety in the vicinity of the school. Install Feb/March. Estimated cost £15,000.

2.17 Traffic calming Wodeland Avenue, Guildford

- Design by SCC project team underway. Install Feb/March. Estimated cost £45,000.

2.18 Zebra crossing Kings Road, Shalford

- Design complete, install Sept/Oct. Estimated cost £50,000.

2.19 Feasibility only, Hill Road level crossing, Brook

- Design brief issued to project team. Estimated cost £2,000.

2.20 Feasibility only safer pedestrian crossing points BVR/Aldershot Road Interchange slip roads

- Design brief issued to project team. Estimated cost £2,000.

2.21 Zebra crossing serving schools, Aldershot Road Westborough

- Design complete. Estimated cost £50,000.

DESIGN ONLY 3 SCHEMES (FOR CONSTRUCTION IN 2014/15)

2.22 Woking Road j/w Jacobs Well Road junction improvement

- The estimated cost for designing all three schemes is £35,000

2.23 Jacobs Well Road j/w Clay Lane, junction improvement

- Design brief issued to project team.

2.24 Chertsey Rd j/w North Street, pedestrian amenity/environmental enhancement scheme

- Design brief issued to project team.

SECTION 106 SCHEMES

2.25 Zebra crossing New Inn Lane

- Complete.

2.26 Pedestrian safety improvements A25 Epsom Road, Merrow

- Upgrade pedestrian refuge and introduce road table at Horseshoe Lane West. Design brief issued to project team.

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- Design brief issued to project team.

CASUALTY REDUCTION GROUP SCHEMES

The central Road Safety Team fund low cost schemes at sites with clusters of accidents.

2.28 Signs & anti-skid Ash Road j/w Guildford Road, Fox Corner

- Design complete, install Nov/Dec.

2.29 Dropped kerbs in Dorking Road in the vicinity of Chilworth Infants School, Chilworth

- Design by project team in progress.

HIGH STREET SETTS

2.30 In June the committee agreed a strategy for the future maintenance of Guildford High Street setts, which is to re-lay them in their entirety with work commencing in 2014/15.

2.31 A Steering Group has been established and met at the beginning of August. The meeting focussed on funding streams and opportunities, possible construction techniques and whether work should be carried out continuously or in stages. A more detailed update will be brought to the December committee meeting.

OTHER: EXTEND 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT A247 SEND BARNS LANE, SEND

2.32 Send Parish Council requested the extension of the 30mph speed limit in Send Barns Lane from its existing location, near the entrance to the medical centre, up to near Kevan Drive, a distance of approximately 240m.

2.33 Currently, the terminal signs are situated near the entrance to the medical centre and Send First School. Motorists travelling in a northerly direction in Send Barns Lane towards the medical centre do not have adequate distance visibility to see the terminal signs as there is a bend. One personal injury collision has been recorded in the vicinity over the last three years.

2.34 The area manager and police support the requested extension of the 30mph limit and consider it will improve road safety along this section of road. The estimated installation cost is £3000.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 As discussed with members.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 Appropriate consultation will be carried out for all schemes.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 Works will be carried out by SCC's term highways contractor, May Gurney, who won the term contract in a competitive tender process.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 None

7. LOCALISM:

7.1 Works and schemes are designed to improve and make safer the facilities for local communities in the borough.

7.2 The Lengsthman initiative allows parish councils to undertake enhanced maintenance of the public highway.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

8.1 None

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

9.1 As set out in the body of the report.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 Officers will continue to progress the programme of schemes agreed by the committee.

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Consulted:

As described within the report

Annexes:

None

Sources/background papers:

Local Committee for Guildford Wednesday 13 March 2013 Item 10: 'Highways Update & Budget Allocations for 2013 2014'
Local Committee for Guildford Wednesday 13 March 2013 Item 11: 'Localism in Highways: An Update on Devolved Highways Delivery'

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