

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)****DATE:** 30 September 2013**LEAD OFFICER:** Paul Fishwick, Project Manager, Transport Policy**SUBJECT:** Runnymede Major Schemes**DIVISION:** Egham**SUMMARY OF ISSUES:**

This paper is to update members on the current status of the Runnymede Major Schemes and obtain approval to carry out a public and business consultation during the autumn of 2013.

The Runnymede roundabout and Egham sustainable transport package are two separate Major Projects but located within the Egham area and adjoin each other.

Both projects need to go through a consultation process which will help us gauge support for the projects, assist in developing the scheme details and forewarning us of any potential issues, which could be designed out during the development process. The data collected should align with what we require in order to inform and develop the business cases. Consulting on both projects together would be beneficial so not to duplicate questions and resources and create consultee apathy.

It is suggested that officers go out to consultation for a period of 8 weeks from Monday 14 October to Sunday 8 December 2013.

The results of the consultation can then be reported to the Member Task Group during mid January and to this Local Committee on 24 February 2014.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Runnymede) is asked to agree :

- (i) To note the progress made so far with the Local Transport Body;
- (ii) To note the draft proposals for both the Runnymede roundabout and the Egham sustainable transport package;
- (iii) That officers undertake public consultation for a period of 8 weeks from Monday 14 October to Sunday 8 December 2013, and report the feedback to the Members Task Group and Local Committee meeting in February 2014.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To ensure that the Local Committee are kept informed, the Local Committee are asked to note the progress made so far with the Local Transport Body and the draft proposals of the two Major schemes located within the Egham area.

To assist the development of both projects and help us gauge support and forewarning us of any potential issues, which could be designed out during the development process, it is recommended that we carry out a consultation with both the public and businesses at the first opportunity during the autumn of 2013, to enable the business and economic cases to be developed during the spring of 2014.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 The Local Committee received a report at their meeting on the 25 February 2013 that provided a briefing on the development of Major schemes within the Egham area for the period 2015-19 (minute 07/13 refers).
- 1.2 At that time, the Enterprise M3 (EM3) Local Transport Body (LTB) had not been set up, but was going through the process of development, ready for its inauguration in July 2013.
- 1.3 The Government announced in January 2013 that indicative funding for the EM3 LTB for 2015-19 period would be £36 million, however, schemes should be submitted based on plus and minus 30% of the indicative figure.
- 1.4 The County Council submitted eight schemes to the EM3 LTB in July 2013 and these schemes as well as those submitted by Hampshire County Council were independently reviewed by consultants appointed by the LTB.
- 1.5 The Government announced on 18 July 2013 that the funding level for the EM3 LTB for 2015-19 period would be £24.3 million, which is 30% less than the indicative allocation previously advised in January 2013.
- 1.6 With the above in mind, the LTB have developed a 'priority schemes' schedule valued at £27.58 million, allowing for some slight over programming. This schedule includes Runnymede roundabout estimated at £4.8 million.
- 1.7 Egham sustainable transport package, estimated at £3.7 million, was **not** included with the recommended schemes schedule, but has been included within the 'longer list of potential schemes' estimated at £70+ million.
- 1.8 Although six schemes, (three from Surrey and three from Hampshire) have been included in the 'priority schemes' schedule, the schemes must now be developed to create a detailed business case, which is expected to be submitted during September 2014.
- 1.9 Although the three Surrey schemes, including the Runnymede roundabout, will need to be developed to create the detailed business case, the Benefit Cost Ratio must obtain at least a score of 2. If any scheme does not achieve this score it is unlikely to proceed towards funding.

- 1.10 With this in mind, the County Council should have a 'reserve' scheme which is in the same state of readiness as the 'priority schemes'. Therefore, the Egham sustainable transport package, which adjoins the Runnymede roundabout scheme will be developed in a similar time frame, to be ready for any slippages from within the 'priority schemes' schedule.

2. ANALYSIS:

Runnymede roundabout and Egham sustainable transport package

- 2.1 The two Major schemes have been outlined to enable 'mini bids', to be submitted during July 2013. These are attached as **Annex A**.
- 2.2 More detailed plans are currently being developed to enable consultation to be carried out during the autumn of 2013 (subject to approval of the Local Committee), but 'overview' plans are attached as **Annex B**.
- 2.3 The data collected should align with what we require to inform and develop the business cases. Consulting on both projects together would be beneficial so not to duplicate questions and resources and create consultee apathy.
- 2.4 A number of recent consultation surveys have used the Survey Monkey, which is an online questionnaire and has been successful in attracting reasonable numbers of responses. Hard copies would also be available.
- 2.5 The consultation exercise needs to be well advertised, with posters displayed on site, press release, contacting local groups, schools, retail outlets and businesses directly and via Surrey Connects, Surrey Chamber of Commerce and other related agencies.
- 2.6 Whilst the above should connect with the residents and schools we need to ensure that we obtain as much relevant feedback as possible from businesses, which connects in with the objective. This may involve displaying posters and hard copies at businesses fronting the Causeway, and maybe other locations, to encourage feedback. The data collected will help us inform and develop the business case, especially as relevant 2011 census data is not available until spring 2014.
- 2.7 The proposed draft time line for both schemes would be as follows:
- 30 September 2013 – Local Committee approval to consult on both projects.
 - 14 October – start of 8 week consultation
 - 8 December – end date of the consultation
 - 9 December to 19 December – analysis of data
 - Mid-January 2014 – Member Task Group
 - Mid-February – Local Committee, report consultation findings and update on project progress.
 - January 2014 – Commence business case development

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- September 2014 – submission of detailed business case(s)
- 2.8 The Local Committee are asked to approve the planned consultation for an 8-week period between Monday 14 October and Sunday 8th December 2013.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 The consultation will present what is considered to be the most suitable scheme for both the Runnymede roundabout and the Egham sustainable package. However, the consultation will allow for people and businesses to express their ideas on minor amendments to the proposals that have already been developed.
- 3.2 This style of consultation allows us to be forewarned about any potential issues, which could be designed out during the development process.
- 3.3 We will also be looking for support for the two projects, which can then be reflected within the detailed business case.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 Although both schemes have been the subject of discussions with several authorities, no formal consultation has been carried out.
- 4.2 Both schemes have been outlined sufficiently to enable a consultation to be carried out during the autumn period, that will inform the detailed business case which is planned for the 'spring' of 2014. Any delay in carrying out this work could jeopardise both schemes and the prospect of obtaining LTB funding.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 The detailed business case for the schemes that are to be submitted will require, as part of the business case, value for money statement, derived through the calculation of the benefit cost ratio.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 It is the objective of Surrey Highways to treat all users of the public highway equally and with understanding. An Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA's) will be carried out for each Major scheme as part of the detailed business case.

7. LOCALISM:

- 7.1 The headline benefits for the Major schemes within Egham are boosting economic growth by:
- ✓ Tackling congestion
 - ✓ Improved journey time reliability
 - ✓ Reduced journey times
 - ✓ Reduced vehicle operating costs

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- ✓ Increased walking and cycling
- ✓ Improved connectivity from business areas to railway stations

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications arising from this report
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	Set out below
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	Set out below.

8.1 Sustainability and Public Health implications

Increased walking and cycling, where it replaces motorised forms of transport such as the car, will improve air quality and reduce carbon emission levels, as key objectives of the Surrey LTP. Passenger transport and modal shift from the car to buses/rail are a further key objective of the Surrey LTP.

Transport is responsible for one third of carbon emissions in Surrey. Surrey's Local Transport Plan has a target to reduce carbon emissions from (non-motorway) transport by 10% (absolute emissions) by 2020, increasing to 25% reduction by 2035 from 2007 baseline of 2,114k tonnes.

Increased walking and cycling has a positive impact on the health of a person. The NHS identifies cycling as an activity which provides significant health benefits. The emerging Surrey Health and Well-being Strategy has identified obesity as one of the priority public health challenges.

The whole project including the improved walking and cycling facilities will be marketed to residents and businesses and cycle training will be offered to those less confident of cycling to encourage take up and to maximise the benefits of the new infrastructure.

It is also expected that increased levels of walking and cycling to and around the town centre will have a positive effect on Egham's retail economy, with recent studies suggesting that pedestrians and cyclists actually spend more on a trip into a town than a motorist.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 9.1 Work has been carried out on the Runnymede roundabout and the Egham sustainable transport package schemes to enable a public consultation.
- 9.2 The results of the consultation will inform the development of the detailed business cases for both schemes and support for the schemes would be welcome, especially from businesses as the objectives are based on supporting the economy and economic growth.

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- 9.3 The Local Committee are asked to note the progress made so far with the LTB in accepting the Runnymede roundabout scheme onto the 'priority schemes', and Egham sustainable transport package onto the 'longer list of potential' schemes.
- 9.4 So that the County Council is well prepared for the development of the detailed business case, it is recommended that consultation is carried out during 'autumn' 2013, ready for business case development in January.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 10.1 Subject to the approval of this Local Committee, the consultation will be carried out over 8 weeks between Monday 14th October and Sunday 8th December 2013.
- 10.2 The consultation will be open to the public and businesses will be approached with specific questions related to the economy.
- 10.3 The Member Task Group will be informed about the results of the consultation during mid January and the Local Committee in February.
- 10.4 The detailed business case will be developed during the January of 2014, to be ready for a submission to the LTB during September 2014.
- 10.5 Runnymede roundabout and Egham sustainable transport package will be developed together for the time being, in case there are any 'slippages' elsewhere.

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Annexes: 2

Sources/background papers:

EM3 LTB Major schemes submissions (July 2013)
DfT letter dated 18 July 2013.