

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)****DATE: 18TH NOVEMBER 2013****LEAD OFFICER: NICK HEALEY, AREA TEAM MANAGER (NE)****SUBJECT: BURWOOD ROAD, HERSHAM****DIVISION: HERSHAM****SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

A petition was submitted to the November 2012 meeting of the Local Committee, requesting various measures to address perceived safety concerns in Burwood Road, Hersham. A feasibility study was commissioned to explore possible solutions to address these concerns, and this study has now been completed.

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

- (i) Authorise the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Member to undertake the necessary legal procedures to introduce a one way system in Faulkner's Road, together with appropriate public consultation;
- (ii) Should funding be identified for the implementation of a new Zebra Crossing in Burwood Road, authorise the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Member to undertake the necessary legal procedures to introduce the said Zebra Crossing, together with appropriate public consultation.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations are made to facilitate the implementation of the measures identified by the feasibility study, in the event that funding is identified.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

1.1 A petition was submitted to the November 2012 meeting of the Local Committee, signed by 190 residents which detailed a number of perceived safety concerns. These included the speed of vehicles, the absence of 30mph repeater signs, and a perceived need for traffic calming and crossing points on Burwood Road. The petition also requested a 20mph zone, additional signs, painted speed roundels on the carriageway and a zebra crossing in the vicinity of Lilliput Nursery and St Peter's Church.

2. ANALYSIS:

2.1 A feasibility study has been completed and is included as Annex A to this report. The study includes a complete analysis of traffic conditions and the relevant accident history, and considers the measures requested by the petitioners in November 2012.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 The feasibility study identified a package of options that could be implemented, if funding were to be made available. The benefits of these options are detailed in the feasibility study in Annex A. Any combination of these options would be feasible from a technical point of view:

- Improving the gateway at the change from 40mph to 30mph at an approximate cost of £12,500;
- Providing four new Vehicle Activated 30mph Signs at an approximate cost of £13,000;
- Improving the school warning signage at an approximate cost of £5,000;
- Introducing a one way system on Faulkner's Road at an approximate cost of £35,000, and subject to formal consultation;
- Introducing a zebra crossing outside Lilliput Nursery at an approximate cost of £75,000, and subject to formal consultation.

3.2 The feasibility study also recommended that an enhanced level of enforcement would be beneficial. The findings of the report will be shared with Surrey Police. Officers are aware that there is an active Community Speed Watch operating in Burwood Road. This will also help encourage drivers obey the speed limit.

3.3 The Divisional Member has made £5,000 available to implement the improvements to the school warning signs this Financial Year.

3.4 The Divisional Member has indicated that next Financial Year's Divisional Allocation for Hersham should be directed towards implementing as many of the recommended measures as possible. This would enable all the measures apart from new Zebra Crossing to be completed by the end of next Financial Year.

3.5 Officers will explore whether any other sources of funding might be available to implement the new Zebra Crossing.

3.6 .With the anticipation that all the measures will be implemented in due course, officers will complete the detailed design for all the measures.

3.7 With respect to Faulkner's Road officers will engage in appropriate public consultation for the one-way system in Faulkner's Road in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Member. If the proposal were to be supported by the community, officers would arrange for the necessary legal procedures to be completed. The new one-way system would then be implemented next Financial Year. If the local community did not support the proposal, this would be reported to Committee for further consideration.

3.8 With respect to the proposed new Zebra Crossing, no funding has been identified to implement this at the present time. Recommendations are made to facilitate the implementation of this new pedestrian crossing in the event that funding is identified.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 Public consultation will be required in the development of the one-way system in Faulkner's Road.

4.2 In the event that funding is identified for the new Zebra Crossing, additional public consultation would be required before this could be implemented.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 The financial implications are detailed above in section 3, and also in the feasibility report in Annex A.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 It is an objective of Surrey Highways to treat all users of the public highway equally and with understanding.

7. LOCALISM:

7.1 The measures identified in the feasibility study are in response to perceived concerns raised by the local community. The Divisional Member has prioritised funding to implement all but one of the measures, as these are considered to be local priorities.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

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

9. CONCLUSION:

9.1 A package of various measures has been identified to address perceived concerns raised by the local community in Hersham. Funding has been identified to implement all but one of the measures identified. Officers will explore what funding opportunities might arise to implement the entire package.

9.2 Recommendations are made to facilitate implementation of the entire package of measures.

9.3 It is hope that as the different measures are implemented, the perceived concerns of the local community will diminish.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 Officers will complete the detailed design for all the measures identified in the feasibility study.

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- 10.2 Officers will arrange for the implementation of the improved school warning signs, as funding is available for these this Financial Year.
- 10.3 Officers will prepare the public consultation relating to the proposed new one-way system in Faulkner's Road.

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Consulted: Divisional Member.

Annexes: 3

Sources/background papers: None.
