

CABINET – 31 MAY 2022**PROCEDURAL MATTERS****Members Questions****Question (1) Mark Sugden (Hinchley Wood, Claygate and Oxshott):**

As the Secretary of State for Transport has decided to grant National Highways a Development Consent Order which allows them to proceed with their project to improve the M25 junction 10/A3 at the Wisley Interchange, planned to start in Autumn 2022, what action can and will Surrey County Council take so that residents of surrounding towns and villages both in my Division of Hinchley Wood, Claygate and Oxshott but also neighbouring villages and towns such as Cobham, are not subject to increased and potentially dangerous traffic levels while this is being constructed'.

Reply:

As part of the M25 Junction 10 A3 Wisley Interchange consent, there is a legal document, known as the Development Consent Order, that provides National Highways with the powers to construct the scheme. This Development Consent Order document contains a number of Legal Requirements with which National Highways have to comply in the development and construction of the scheme.

One such requirement - Requirement 4 - covers traffic management during construction. This states that no part of the authorised scheme can commence until a Traffic Management Plan has been submitted and approved by the Secretary of State following consultation with the Local Highway Authority, this being Surrey County Council.

The Traffic Management Plan sets out how National Highways intend to construct the scheme to mitigate impacts and set out the diversion routes they plan to use. National Highways have been consulting with Surrey County Council's Traffic Manager and Streetworks Team on the draft Traffic Management Plan. As a result, Surrey County Council have been advising National Highways of the potential for local issues that could arise from the construction of the scheme.

As part of the mitigation plans, the Council's Traffic Manager and Streetworks Team are aware that National Highways are looking at night works and narrow running lanes to avoid road closures. Surrey County Council have discussed potential diversion routes with National Highways where they might be required. Whilst it could be likely that there will be congestion arising from the works on surrounding roads at times, the measures will be designed to minimise this disruption as much as possible.

The Surrey County Council Streetworks Team can also look to plan other unrelated works around Cobham and Oxshott accordingly to minimise disruption.

Matt Furniss**Cabinet Member for Transport, Infrastructure and Economy****31 May 2022**

Question (2) Catherine Baart (Earlswood and Reigate South):

With regard to agenda item 9 - Surrey Infrastructure Plan - Phase 2 Schemes -please confirm:

- A) That all cycling, walking and other infrastructure improvements will be completed in line with the new Highway Code requirements for new priorities for different categories of road users and this will include audit to ensure compliance.
- B) For the existing and new schemes listed in Appendices 1 and 3 please can you confirm the timing and process of public consultation, setting out the current expected timing when the public will be consulted next in each case.
- C) Please provide details of the Flood Alleviation schemes listed in Appendix 4, or where these can be found in the public domain.
- D) Please can you confirm when the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans for each of the borough and districts will be published (except for Woking which has been in the public domain for some time).

Reply:

- A) We have committed to design and build our schemes to give priority at junctions to people walking and on bikes. We are also committed to separating pedestrians and cyclists to improve safety and encourage greater use. We will undertake safety audits on all schemes as well as inspection by Active Travel England to ensure we have complied with the appropriate highway code requirements.
- B) The engagement and consultation approach will be tailored to each scheme – depending on the local need and type of project. This will be identified at the outset in the business case. We generally would start with some form of informal engagement so we can identify residents' concerns and suggested solutions. Once we have viable proposals, we would then run a formal consultation. Whether informal engagement or formal consultation, there's likely to be an online questionnaire, alongside opportunities to discuss them in person. The Council's Communications Team will promote these to relevant groups and residents using a wide range of channels.

Details of engagement and/or consultation associated with each of those projects contained in Appendix 1 and Appendix 3 are summarised below:

Existing and new schemes listed in Appendices 1

Project	
Boxgrove Roundabout, Guildford	Conversations will be held with local residents in August who live adjacent to each of the 4 schemes including all demographics and age groups, including hard to reach groups. In the autumn we will hold further conversations with local communities to ensure that we listen to views and amend our schemes accordingly. Consultation expected between August and September 2022.
A3100 London Road, Guildford	
Redhill to East Surrey Hospital via Earlsbrook Road	
Ashford Park Estate Low Traffic Neighbourhood	
Croydon Road Regeneration, Caterham	Resident consultation took place July 2021. The local Business Improvement District (BID) is fully engaged with local businesses with regular update meetings. The BID is currently joint client with TDC as they have funded design work to date. It has been agreed with TDC that if SCC Capital funding is approved in principle, the governance will change. SCC and TDC will undertake further joint engagement with residents and Parish Council from July 2022.
Shelvers Hill, Tadworth Flood Reduction	Plans for engagement will be determined as the business case is developed over the coming months.
Tongham Village & Ash Improvements	Meeting with Parish Council 6th June to present design options. Wider consultation with residents to follow in September.
Cranleigh High Street Public Realm Enhancements	There is a Working Party made up of Parish Council, SMARTER Cranleigh, Lions Club, some residents, representative of Chamber of Commerce which has been ongoing throughout to enable engagement with key local stakeholders. Initial concept ideas and options were shared earlier in May. Wider residents and business questionnaires will be carried out in June/July. Broader engagement during the Autumn of this year to present design options.
Weybridge Town Centre (additional budget for enhanced scheme)	Engagement to tie in with current Town Centre proposals being consulted on in September 2022.

Staines Iron bridge (short term improvements)	Consultation details to be confirmed
Flooding Environment Agency grant funding only) (external Agency only)	Scheme dependant but engagement with councillors, residents and flood groups will take place as required

Existing and new schemes listed in Appendices 3.

Project	
A308 Modernisation	Consultation with businesses, resident and councillors is required for the cycling and walking improvement works. Consultation expected in September 2022.
Weybridge Town Centre Improvement	Engagement with businesses, resident and councillors on all elements which are within the existing highway except potentially Monument Hill and Hospital junction which may require formal consultation. Elgin Road (Low Traffic Neighbourhood) and Manby Infant School Crossing will require a public consultation in September 2022
Three Arch Junction Improvements	Previous design was consulted on in 2017. Further engagement needed to inform local residents on updated design. SCC will need to consult on potential parking time restriction changes on the A23. Ongoing engagement with borough councillors. Consultation to commence from January 2024
Woodhatch Junction Improvements	Engagement with residents and businesses adjacent to junction once design is finalised. Ongoing engagement with councillors. Consultation to commence from July 2024
Ash Vale Station access	Progress on project pending DfT AfA bid. Given this project will be led by Network Rail they will carry out the necessary public engagement activities. Dates to be confirmed following bid decision. SCC will work with Network Rail to ensure key stakeholder groups are engaged with such as Disability Empowerment Network (DEN) and Surrey Coalition of Disabled People.
Leatherhead Waste Transfer Station improvements	No consultation required. Project on hold

A22 Smarter Highways	Project to be rescoped. No public consultation programmed.
Tranche 2 Active Travel Schemes approved by Cabinet in March 2021	We have consulted with the communities affected by the 8 tranche 2 schemes, and where required, the schemes have been amended based on feedback. This consultation was multi-faceted, ensuring that we heard from all demographics and ages within the affected communities.

C) The projects which form the Surrey Flood Alleviation Programme are all at different stages, and the level of detail worked up for each project is correspondingly different. Where we are at early stages and are working up a business case, the information available is limited. As we approach detailed design stage and construction, the consultation and information available increases. This is shown in the table below.

Project Name	Project Status	Link to information
Countywide PFR (Build Back Better)	Business case development	
District and Borough Officers		
Overheads		
Chambers Mead	Detailed design stage	Chamber Mead Wetlands - South East Rivers Trust
Guildford Economic Regeneration Plan SuDS Unlock	Business case development	Guildford flood alleviation scheme - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Leatherhead investigations and catchment actions	Business case development	
Burgh Heath FAS	Business case development	
Reigate FAS	Business case development	
South Earlswood FAS	Business case development	

South Merstham FAS	Business development case	
South Merstham Recreation Ground	Detailed design stage	Merstham Rec - a park for everyone Merstham Recreation Ground refurbishment Reigate and Banstead (reigate-banstead.gov.uk)
Lower Thames Corridor Surface Water Study	Business development case	
Sweeps Ditch feasibility and surveys	Business development case	
Caterham Bourne Viaduct	Business development case	
Caterham on-the-hill	Construction	Caterham on the Hill and Old Coulsdon flood resilience project guidance - Surrey County Council (surreycc.gov.uk) Caterham on the Hill and Old Coulsdon flood protection programme - Surrey County Council (surreycc.gov.uk)
Smallfield - GiA Scheme	Business development case	
GBC Public Realm Improvements	Business development case	Guildford flood alleviation scheme - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Alfold (Non-GiA interventions)	Construction	
Alfold GiA PFR	Business development case	
Farnham FAS	Business development case	
Horsell Common/Walton Terrace	Detailed design stage	Horsell Common SANG project - Surrey County Council (surreycc.gov.uk)
Old Woking FAS Contribution	Business development case	
Woking Raingarden Retrofits	Detailed design stage	

The engagement and consultation approach for each project is developed as appropriate. For larger schemes, drop-in sessions, letter drops, online questionnaires and consultation video calls are used. For smaller schemes that target an individual road, letter drops and house-to-house door knocking may be more suitable. Generally, there tends to be an active residents' Flood Action Group/Flood Forum in areas with larger schemes, and they are kept up to date with briefings on a regular basis. Officers would be happy to brief individual members on specific schemes.

D) The planned completion of the Local Cycling and Walking Plans (LCWIP) is set out below.

LCWIP	Indicative Concept completion	Planned stage
Woking Town Centre	Complete	
Reigate & Banstead Borough	Complete	
Elmbridge Borough	Jun '22	
Runnymede Borough	Jun '22	
Spelthorne Borough	Jun '22	
Mole Valley District	Jan '23	
Guildford Borough	Apr '23	
Surrey Heath Borough	Apr '23	
Epsom & Ewell Borough	May '23	
Tandridge District	May '23	
Waverley Borough	Feb '23	
Farnham Town Centre	May '22	

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