

**COMMUNITIES ENVIRONMENT HIGHWAYS
SELECT COMMITTEE
19 NOVEMBER 2024
CALL-IN: DECISION ON LONDON ROAD
GUILDFORD ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEME.**



Purpose of report: The Select Committee has called in the Cabinet decision not to proceed with construction of Section 1, London Road Active Travel Scheme.

Introduction:

1. On 29 October 2024, Cabinet took the decision not to proceed with construction of Section 1, London Road Active Travel Scheme. These proposals were not subject to pre-decision scrutiny by the Select Committee.
2. Following concerns raised, the Vice-Chairman of the Select Committee decided to call-in the decision for reconsideration. The call-in form received by Democratic Services on 5 November 2024 is attached as Annex D.

Background

3. Decision text:

RESOLVED:

A vote was taken by the Cabinet on the following recommendations:

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- *Notes the contents of the independent technical review of section 1 and its conclusions concerning whether the scheme complies with current design guidance.*
- *Proceeds with the construction of Section 1 –based on the strength of support from the local community, alongside the conclusions of the independent technical review.*

There were THREE votes FOR and SIX votes AGAINST. The decision was therefore not carried.

4. The following documents in relation to the decision made on 29 October are attached:
 - **Annex 1** – Report considered by Cabinet on 29 October 2024
 - **Annex 2** – Annex 1 to the report considered by Cabinet on 29 October 2024 – ARUP A3100 Burpham to Boxgrove Roundabout Technical Review
 - **Annex 3** – Annex 2 to the report considered by Cabinet on 29 October 2024 - Stakeholder group comments

- **Annex 4** – Call-in notice received by Democratic Services on 5 November 2024.

The Call-In Process:

5. The Select Committee is asked to consider the above evidence alongside any evidence presented by witnesses at the call-in meeting in order to review the decision taken by Cabinet.
6. The Select Committee is asked to consider whether it wishes to refer the decision back to Cabinet for reconsideration.
7. If the Select Committee decides to refer back to Cabinet, it must provide its reasons for doing so.

Recommendations:

That the Select Committee reviews the Cabinet decision taken on 29 October 2024 and concludes whether it wishes to refer this back to Cabinet for reconsideration.

Next steps:

Should the Select Committee decide to support the decision of Cabinet, the decision will be implemented (meaning the scheme will not proceed).

Should the Select Committee refer the decision back, it will need to be reconsidered by Cabinet, where a final decision will be adopted.

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