

DECISION SESSION – EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CITY STRATEGY

TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2009

Annex of Additional Comments received from Members and residents since the agenda was published

AGENDA ITEM	REPORT	RECEIVED FROM	COMMENTS
4	Beckfield Lane – Extension of Cycle Route (page 17)	Debbie Pagliaro (Beckfield Lane)	<p>I would like to confirm my original support of the CYC proposal to Extend the Shared Path on Beckfield Lane.</p> <p>I also support the Amendments to the proposal to allow the process to continue without further delay.</p> <p>With regard to consideration for a new dedicated crossing over the Wetherby Road, north of the mini roundabout, linking The Ridgeway with the New Path Extension, I understand that there are technical complications which require more study and that these will be undertaken at a later date rather than delay the process at this stage.</p>
		Additional Traffic Survey Information (paragraphs 8 and 19)	<p>A 12 hour traffic survey (7am to 7pm) was undertaken on Thursday 8th October 2009 south of Knapton Lane. This survey recorded around 7300 vehicle movements, 300 cycle movements on-road and 100 on the footway.</p> <p>The survey also included a pedestrian crossing count on Beckfield Lane between the junction of Knapton Lane and south of Fellbrook Avenue. This was to assess the justification for a controlled pedestrian crossing facility to be installed in this area, as requested by some local residents. The survey recorded 108 pedestrian crossing movements south of Fellbrook Avenue, 69 crossing movements outside the shops north of Fellbrook Avenue, and 56 in the vicinity of the speed table south of Knapton Lane. These 12 hour totals are quite low, and show that there is no strong focus for crossing movements in this area. Because of the position of the 2 bus stops, junctions and driveways on this length of Beckfield Lane it would only be practical to install a zebra crossing somewhere around the existing speed table just south of Knapton Lane.</p>

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4	Beckfield Lane – Extension of Cycle Route (cont.) (page 17)	Local residents	<p>Pedestrians south of Fellbrook Avenue crossing to the bus stops or shops are unlikely to take a detour to this location approximately 75m north to use a crossing when it would be quicker to wait for a gap in the traffic closer to the pedestrian desire line. The average waiting time to cross the road was also surveyed and this was five seconds. The existing speed tables and traffic calmed environment are therefore considered to provide good conditions for people to cross the road in this area, and a single facility such as a zebra or pelican is not considered to be justified for the numbers crossing at this point.</p> <p>Additional Consultation Feedback</p> <p>Two extra pieces of correspondence have been received from residents of Beckfield Lane, one in support of the scheme, and one against. The resident who opposes the scheme raises many of the issues that have already been discussed in the report, and in addition:</p> <p>Wheelie bins and recycling boxes would present a hazard to pedestrians and cyclists where the verge is reduced.</p> <p>Officer response The off-road cycle track from Boroughbridge Road to Ostman Road has been in use for a number of months and this issue has not been reported as a problem. As part of the consultation, we seek the views of the council's operations manager for waste collection, and he also raised no issues of concern.</p> <p>I work shifts so the noise and disruption during the construction works would be unacceptable.</p> <p>Officer response Unfortunately, noise is unavoidable during construction works. Every step however, is taken to ensure any disruption is kept to a minimum.</p>

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4	Beckfield Lane – Extension of Cycle Route (cont.) (page 17)	<p data-bbox="779 579 999 611">Cllr A D'Agorne</p> <p data-bbox="779 799 1037 831">Carr Infant School</p>	<p data-bbox="1072 150 2022 469">Web based survey (paragraph 7 noted the responses made to the webpage at the time of writing. Some further responses have been made, and the total summary is as follows) - The opinion survey published on the website generated seven responses. Five of these residents cycle on Beckfield Lane, three use the existing off-road path, and four said they would use the proposed section. Three said that a complete cycle route would encourage them to start cycling or cycle more. Overall, four respondents thought the proposals were a very good or fairly good idea.</p> <p data-bbox="1072 512 1384 544">Other Member Views</p> <p data-bbox="1072 584 1984 687">Does not support the scheme, and believes the funding should be spent on more strategic areas of the network such as Fishergate gyratory.</p> <p data-bbox="1072 727 1285 759">Local Schools</p> <p data-bbox="1072 799 1827 831">Supports initiatives that encourage walking and cycling</p>