

Individual Decision

Title of Report:	A4 Kintbury Crossroads Safety Improvements		
Report to be considered by:	Councillor Keith Chopping	on:	6 March 2006
Forward Plan Ref:	ID1164		

Purpose of Report:

To advise the Executive member for Planning and Highways of the results of the consultation process on measures designed to improve safety at the A4 Kintbury Crossroads, Elcot Farm Junction, and Wawcott Junction and to recommend a course of action.

Recommended Action:

That the Executive Member resolves to:-

Authorise the construction of safety improvements to the A4 Kintbury Crossroads and Elcot Farm Junction as detailed on drawing No 81103/A4/1 and to include Wawcott Junction.

Reason for decision to be taken:

To enable construction of the safety improvements to the A4 Kintbury Crossroads, Elcot Farm Junction and Wawcott Junction.

List of other options considered:

Those detailed on the supporting information attached

Key background documentation:

- Drawing No 81103/A4/1 – Proposed Safety Improvements
- A4 Kintbury Crossroads – Formal consultation, Observations and Comments

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Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 Consultation on the scheme took place between 16th January 2006 and the 3rd February 2006
- 1.2 The Proposed Safety Improvements are shown on Drawing No 81103/A4/1 and includes the provision of Traffic islands with raised kerbs, high intensity reflectorised bollards, alterations to road markings layout, improved signing and coloured surfacing. Improvements to the road markings between the Elcot Farm Junction and Kintbury Road Junction
- 1.3 The improvements also include alteration to the road markings layout, improved signing and coloured surfacing to the A4/Elcot Farm Junction.
- 1.4 Accident data shows there were 9 accidents from the 1/12/02 to the 30/11/2005 (3years) at the A4 Kintbury Road Junction involving 15 injuries. 1 Fatal, 4 Serious, 10 Slight.
- 1.5 The accidents were mainly due to driver error, overtaking vehicles and excessive speed.
- 1.6 Following consultation residents asked for Wawcott Junction to be included within the white lining hatched areas. This proposal now recommends that Wawcott Junction is included within the scheme.
- 1.7 Provision of £40,000 has been made in this years capital programme (2005/06) to enable the works to be completed.

Recommendation

That the Executive member for Planning and Highways resolves to authorise construction of the safety improvements to the A4 Kintbury Crossroads and Elcot Farm Junction as detailed on drawing No 81103/A4/1 and to include Wawcott Junction.

Appendices

Appendix - Results of consultation

Implications

Policy:	None arising from this report
Financial:	There is budgetary provision within the current 2005/06 capital programme.
Personnel:	None arising from this report
Legal:	None arising from this report
Environmental:	None arising from this report
Equalities:	None arising from this report
Partnering:	N/A
Property:	None arising from this report

Risk Management: N/A
Community Safety: None arising from this report

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council: Graham Jones – Will support local members comments

Select Committee Chairmen: Jeff Brooks – No comments

P&L Committee Chairman
(where appropriate): N/A

Ward Members: Anthony Stansfeld - Supports the scheme

Andrew Rowles Agrees with the proposals, and the suggestions from those people who have replied to the external consultation

Opposition Spokesperson: Owen Jeffery – Supports the safety improvements as far as they go. I strongly advise the portfolio member to review the success of these improvements within the next 12 months of completion and be prepared to consider more substantial improvements if required

Advisory Members: N/A

Local Stakeholders: Local residents and businesses have been consulted over safety improvements and will be informed of the consultation outcome.

Officers Consulted: John Ashworth, Mark Edwards, Charles Stickler

Trade Union: N/A