

## APPENDIX C

### Assessment of CIL bid full application

<b>TDC CIL Reference Number:</b>	<b>IA-00236</b>
<b>Officer recommended ranking:</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> of 5</b>
<b>WG final ranking (where differs):</b>	

### Officer Assessment

<b>Project title:</b>	A25 Westerham Road, Limpsfield				
<b>Applicant</b>	Surrey County Council - Highways				
<b>Total cost of project (£):</b>	311,600	<b>CIL requested (£):</b>	75,000	<b>Percentage to be funded by CIL:</b>	24%
<b>Amount recommended:</b>	<i>(full/partial/none)</i>				
	<b>Working Group: Full award</b>				

#### Project summary

To provide traffic lights on the existing two stage informal pedestrian crossing on the A25 Westerham Road Limpsfield outside Limpsfield Infants School. The project will provide a safer crossing for pedestrians and people pushing bicycles as the traffic will be stopped by a red light so they can cross the road more easily.

There is an existing informal two stage pedestrian crossing on the A25 Westerham Road outside Limpsfield Infant School. However, it can be difficult to cross the A25 using this crossing during busy periods as drivers are not required to stop to let pedestrians cross the road. The installation of a signalised crossing will mean that drivers will need to stop at a red traffic light when the button is pushed to allow pedestrians and pedestrians pushing pedal cycles to cross the road. Many people feel safer crossing busy roads like the A25 at this type of crossing as they know that drivers will stop at the red traffic light.

Concerns have been raised about traffic speeds on the A25. The project will also include measures to reduce traffic speeds on the A25 Westerham Road. These will include the provision of two new traffic islands and the provision of on street car parking spaces on the eastbound carriageway west of Kent Hatch Road. Additional hatched road markings and the car parking spaces will reduce the number of lanes from two to one on the eastbound approach to Kent Hatch Road. New road makings consisting of "Dragons Teeth" a "SLOW" marking and a 30mph roundel will be laid on the approach to the 30mph terminal speed limit sign just to the east of the entrance to the allotment site.

Benefit	Officer Assessment	Officer Panel Score
Support development	<p>Limpsfield is located within close proximity of the settlements of Oxted and Hurst Green, areas which have received a number of new housing developments in recent years (for example Bay Trees and the Hollies west of Red Lane and the housing development in Fairviews, Williams Road, Carrols Way etc east of Holland Lane and north of Holland Junior School). The Council's records show that the parish of Limpsfield has received approximately 8% of the total development in the District over the past 5 years, which increases to 29% when combined with the neighbouring parish of Oxted indicating that this combined area has received the most development in the District over recent years. The emerging Local Plan also allocates around 110 residential units to Hurst Green in the parish of Oxted.</p> <p>The project aligns with the Tandridge District Core Strategy (2008) which seeks to ensure that suitable provision is made for cycling and walking, particularly in relation to safer routes to schools (paragraphs 10.7 and 10.8). The Tandridge Local Plan Part 2: Detailed Policies (2014) also seeks to ensure that the public highway is suitable for all road users and encourages the use of more sustainable forms of transport. The emerging Local Plan (still in Examination) also seeks to support a modal shift towards more sustainable ways to travel and recognises that it is important that we make the opportunities for other modes of travel, such as cycling and walking, more available and inviting to reduce congestion, reduce car-based emissions and increase methods of travel which help people lead healthier lifestyles (paragraphs 31.1 and 31.2).</p> <p>The Tandridge Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2019) includes improvements to the A25 Westerham Road junction with B269 High Street, Limpsfield/Wolfs Row, which is in close proximity to this current project. The applicant states that the new crossing would enable more residents of Limpsfield to cross the A25 Westerham Road further to the west of the existing pedestrian crossing at the A25 Westerham Road/High Street/Wolf's Row junction, in order to access National Trust land and the open countryside for recreation.</p> <p>The project seeks to improve the safety and use for all road users of a main road in an area of the District that has been subject to substantial development. The project aligns with a number of strategies and policies which encourage a shift towards enabling active travel to both improve road safety and capacity but also to encourage healthier lifestyles. The new crossing would enable better community connectivity across the A25 Westerham Road, resulting in safer access to Limpsfield Infant School as well as better access to Limpsfield Common for the residents of Limpsfield. There is substantial detail that the project supports development in the District and this is supported by evidence.</p>	5

Economic growth & regeneration	This project will make it easier for parents to drop off their children at Limpsfield Infant School, which in turn would make it easier for parents to seek employment, but otherwise the project makes a minimal contribution to economic growth and regeneration.	1
Flood defence	None	0
Health provision & wellbeing	<p>The signalised pedestrian crossing will provide improved access to the existing public rights of way that lead to the rural areas to the north of the A25 and Limpsfield Common to the south of the A25. This improved access will encourage greater use of the rights of way by walkers and cyclists leading to better health and well-being. The project will result in more people walking and an associated reduction in pollution with more people parking further away from the school. It will increase children's confidence when walking to school.</p> <p>This project will enable better connectivity across the busy A25, and detail has been provided of a number of benefits that this would have to the health and well-being of residents and those accessing the school. Benefits to pollution and air-quality in the area are also highlighted, but evidence is limited.</p>	3
Education provision	This proposal assists residents when bringing their children to Limpsfield Infant School, but otherwise has a minimal impact on the provision of education.	1
Transportation	<p>The project improves connectivity across this main road, particularly in terms of safety for those crossing the A25 to access the school and the surrounding countryside. This project aligns with Surrey County Council's current Transport Plan which seeks improvement to pedestrian facilities and encourages walking and cycling.</p> <p>The project will also include measures to reduce traffic speeds on the A25 Westerham Road, and research generally shows that lower traffic speeds result in fewer accidents and less severe injuries for casualties involved in those accidents.</p> <p>Strong benefits have been identified regarding road safety and improvements to active travel and connectivity across this busy main road as a result of the project, and this is supported by evidence.</p>	5.3

Amenity provision	The crossing would have a minimal impact on amenity but is likely to encourage and/or enable more residents of Limpsfield to cross the A25 Westerham Road further to the west in order to access National Trust land and the open countryside for recreation.	1.3
Environment & climate change	The project benefits the environment as the crossing may encourage more people to walk or cycle rather than drive if they feel they are safer crossing the A25 Westerham Road and if traffic speeds are lower. The shift to active travel aligns with the strategies in the draft Tandridge Climate Change Action Plan and Surrey's Climate Change Strategy 2020.	3
Match funding	76% match funding provided by Surrey County Council Local Committee funding.	6
Value for Money	<p>Economy - The costs given above are estimated costs based on the experience of the costs of other similar projects. The detailed design for the scheme is almost complete, but it has not yet had a Road Safety Audit or been costed. Feasibility Design drawings are attached to this application. A contingency of approximately 15% has been included within the figures above. If works are delivered within budget, then any surplus would be returned to Tandridge District Council.</p> <p>Efficiency – SCC have significant experience in undertaking similar projects to achieve the stated benefits, and have a well-established procurement process.</p> <p>Effectiveness – The proposed works would appear effective at achieving the desired benefits to road safety;</p> <p>Equality – The improvements to connectivity across the A25 will benefit all local residents seeking to access the countryside to the south of the village as well as those accessing the school. The project will result in improved equality for all road users;</p> <p>Deliverability – This scheme is being designed and managed by the County Council's in-house design team. The construction will be carried out by the County Council's term Highways contractor Kier Group PLC, with the signals element being installed by Svetofor Systems Ltd.</p> <p>Maintenance arrangements – Surrey County Council will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the crossing and all speed reducing measures installed as a result of this scheme.</p> <p>Substantial detail, with some evidence, has been provided to show that the project would represent good value for money, delivering the stated outcomes at a reasonable cost.</p>	4

Score summary	Support development			Economic growth & regeneration			Flood defence			Health provision			Education provision			Transportation			Amenity provision			Environment & climate change			Match funding			Value for money			
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Officer panel score:	5	6	30	1	6	6	0	5	0	3	4	12	1	4	4	5.3	3	15.9	1.3	2	2.6	3	2	6	6	6	36	4	6	24	136.5
Agreed WG score (where differs from officer panel):																															
Conclusions																															
Officer Questions/Applicant Answers:																															
<p>Q1. Further detail should be provided regarding milestones (section 6.4 on the form);</p> <p>A. <i>Timescales for the project were addressed as part of the presentation and Q&amp;A session.</i></p> <p>Q2. Please be aware that any grant is subject to terms and conditions which would be on a cost reimbursement basis for actual costs incurred.</p>																															
Working Group comments:																															
<p>Members were concerned that Surrey County Council (SCC) were relying on CIL funding to expedite the installation of the pedestrian crossing. Nevertheless, the need to prioritise the road safety of (Limpsfield Infant) school children was considered paramount and the Group concluded that the bid should be supported in full to enable the crossing to be installed at the earliest opportunity. It was, however, agreed that a letter (with cross-party support) be sent to the SCC to express the District Council’s concerns.</p>																															