Notice of public question (Procedure Rule 10) – Executive 7 May 2024

1. Question from Catherine Powell, *Surrey County Councillor for Farnham North;*

Please can the Portfolio Holder explain why the WBC Executive is proposing to endorse the WBC Officer proposed modifications to the Farnham LCWIP that have not be reviewed with Councillors at either WBC, SCC or FTC and that do not align with earlier discussions or address previously raised concerns. Specifically:

1) The inclusion of additional Core Walking Zones which do not address the previously raised issues associated with Farnham Hospital – if there is to be an update surely it should address all of the previously raised issues relating to Core Walking Zones. Particularly as the Core Walking Zone associated with Farnham Hospital should be a consideration for the Hawthorns Development.

2) A revised set of cycling routes in and around Farnham Park, all of which are either:

    a. Already in the Farnham LCWIP, or

    b. Were agreed on the 17th of October Meeting and therefore already part of the Annex being prepare, or

    c. In the case of the "Castle Hill Realignment", do not address the concerns raised in the public consultation meetings in the Summer / Autumn of 2023 and will instead cause further confusion. Cycle Route 3 (see map below) was reviewed during the Summer Public engagement sessions and the route along Old Park Lane was preferred to the route along Folly Hill and adjacent to the Castle. The Old Park Lane Route was included in the priority routes. The WBC Officers have I believe argued that the Castle Hill Realignment addresses the concerns raised regarding impact on archaeology and ecology associated with that route. However, as can be seen in Figure 1 below, this is not the case, as well as archaeology there are also ecology and safety concerns.

Please can the Portfolio Holder advise why it is not possible to proceed with the Adoption of the Waverley LCWIP and leave the Addendum to the Farnham LCWIP to be reviewed separately, as none of the proposed changes impact on the connections between the Waverley and Farnham LCWIPs.

Cycling Route 3: Folly Hill / Old Park Lane

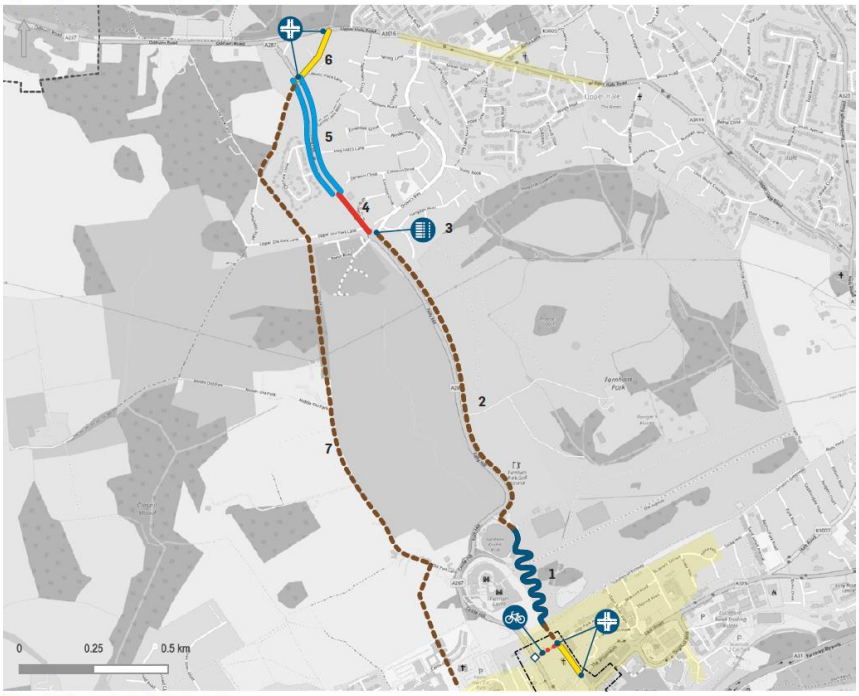

Figure 42. Proposals for Cycle Route 3

Figure 1