Statement of Reasons Surrey County Council – Borough of Guildford Zebra Crossing, D4006 Nightingale Road, Guildford

This Statement of Reasons relates to a proposed Zebra Crossing on D4006 Nightingale Road, Guildford.

PROPOSAL

To advertise the installation of a new zebra crossing facility on D4006 Nightingale Road, located at its junction with A3100 London Road.

REASONS

- 1. A new crossing at the Nightingale Road/A3100 London Road junction was included in the proposals for the Active Travel Boxgrove Roundabout to York Road cycle scheme which was consulted on from September to December 2023. Following the consultation, the Leader of Surrey County Council decided not to proceed with the delivery of the scheme but instead to progress with the delivery of a more targeted improvement in the form of a zebra crossing at the same location following strong representation from local stakeholders. This would significantly assist with safer routes to school.
- 2. D4006 Nightingale Road has a posted speed limit of 30mph.
- 3. The new zebra crossing is intended to improve local accessibility by providing a facility that enables pedestrians to safely and easily cross a busy road where it is currently difficult to do so. Pupils from Guildford High School currently exit the school from a gate on Nightingale Road which is about 45m from its junction with A3100 London Road and cross the road diagonally towards London Road train station. The new crossing will enable the school to allow the pupils to exit the school from another gate which is very close to the junction with London Rd and use the crossing to access London Road train station and other destinations to the south of the school. Furthermore, the proposed crossing will make it more appealing to undertake local journeys via walking rather than by the private car thus contributing positively towards modal shift and supporting ambitions to encourage sustainable travel in Guildford.
- 4. The specific grounds which the County Council are using for the implementation of the proposed scheme as above are encompassed in the following sections of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984: -
 - Section 1 (a) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other such road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.
 - ii. Section 1 (c) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).