GUILDFORD ROAD, LIGHTWATER – PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Parents of pupils at Lightwater Village School and local residents have raised concerns about difficulties crossing Guildford Road in Lightwater.

In response to these concerns, the introduction of a raised traffic light pedestrian crossing has been proposed between the junctions with Catena Rise and MacDonald Road. A pair of speed cushions are also proposed on either approach to the crossing.

The introduction of a new raised traffic light crossing will provide a safer and more accessible crossing point on Guildford Road for school children, parents and the wider community, while supporting and encouraging sustainable travel by making it easier and safer for families to walk, cycle and scoot to and from Lightwater Village School.

Including the speed cushions as part of the proposal will help reduce vehicle speeds near the school and improve safety at the crossing.

Public engagement has been undertaken and 69 responses were received. The views expressed are summarised below:

Table of Responses (numbers and percentages)

Question	Response		
	Happy/Very happy	Neutral	Unhappy/Very Unhappy
How do you feel about the proposed raised traffic light crossing?	44 (64%)	4 (6%)	21 (30%)
How do you feel about the proposed speed cushions?	45 (65%)	7 (10%)	17 (25%)

Having considered the views expressed in response to the engagement in consultation with the local county councillor, it has been decided that we should proceed with introducing the proposed raised traffic light pedestrian crossing and speed cushions.