



Economic Development Committee

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**IMPROVING PUBLIC ACCESS TO HEATHROW AIRPORT – CONSULTATION BY
HEATHROW AIRTRACK, OCTOBER 2008**

I confirm that the following represents the formal views of Runnymede Borough Council on the above consultation. This Council's support for the scheme is subject to satisfactory resolution of the following issues:

1. A key strand of the Council's support for the scheme in the past was predicated on resolving level crossing downtime. From current evidence the increased downtime will have a significant impact (estimated at 40 minutes of closure every hour) on traffic congestion in Egham. Further work is required to assess the full impact on the local community and businesses, but locally it has generated significant opposition;
2. Airtrack is therefore urged to reconsider the conclusion that no action be taken to reduce the anticipated increase in level crossing downtime in the Egham, Addlestone and Staines areas;
3. Network Rail and HMRI be urged to provide a full analysis of the available signalling data and implement measures to reduce barrier down times at Egham and Pooley Green level crossings;
4. It is accepted that excepting Prune Hill, the other three level crossings in Egham/Pooley Green are already constrained in terms of traffic movements by either traffic signals or roundabouts. Therefore, even if the railway line could be bridged over or tunnelled under, traffic would not flow freely in peak times. Expenditure on such major infrastructure could not be justified unless it demonstrably relieved this problem;
5. Surrey County Council be urged to undertake an area-wide transport study and implement improvements to highway infrastructure to improve traffic flows around Egham and Pooley Green;
6. Airtrack is therefore urged to continue to engage with both the Highway Authority and Boroughs to look at problems in the existing highway network on an area basis. The aim is to try to achieve improvements that enable the existing traffic to flow more freely and then to be able to identify the additional impact that Airtrack would have and what infrastructure improvements might be considered to address that;
7. The current consultation document continues to show that Chertsey Station remains a stopping point for the new service although the adequacy of platform length, station accommodation and supporting parking facilities are absent from the list of infrastructure to be provided in support of the overall scheme. Clarification on the arrangements for suitable infrastructure for Chertsey station is required from Airtrack.

In conclusion, it is accepted that there is an existing problem needing to be addressed that has not been caused, but brought sharply into focus by Airtrack. Airtrack has created an opportunity for drawing together various agencies (including the Department for Transport) to pool resources to address this issue. It is considered vital that measures to address the dislocation of the local community by increased rail services are in place or programmed prior to the Public Inquiry into the TWA at the end of next year.

NOTES

- Flooded Properties

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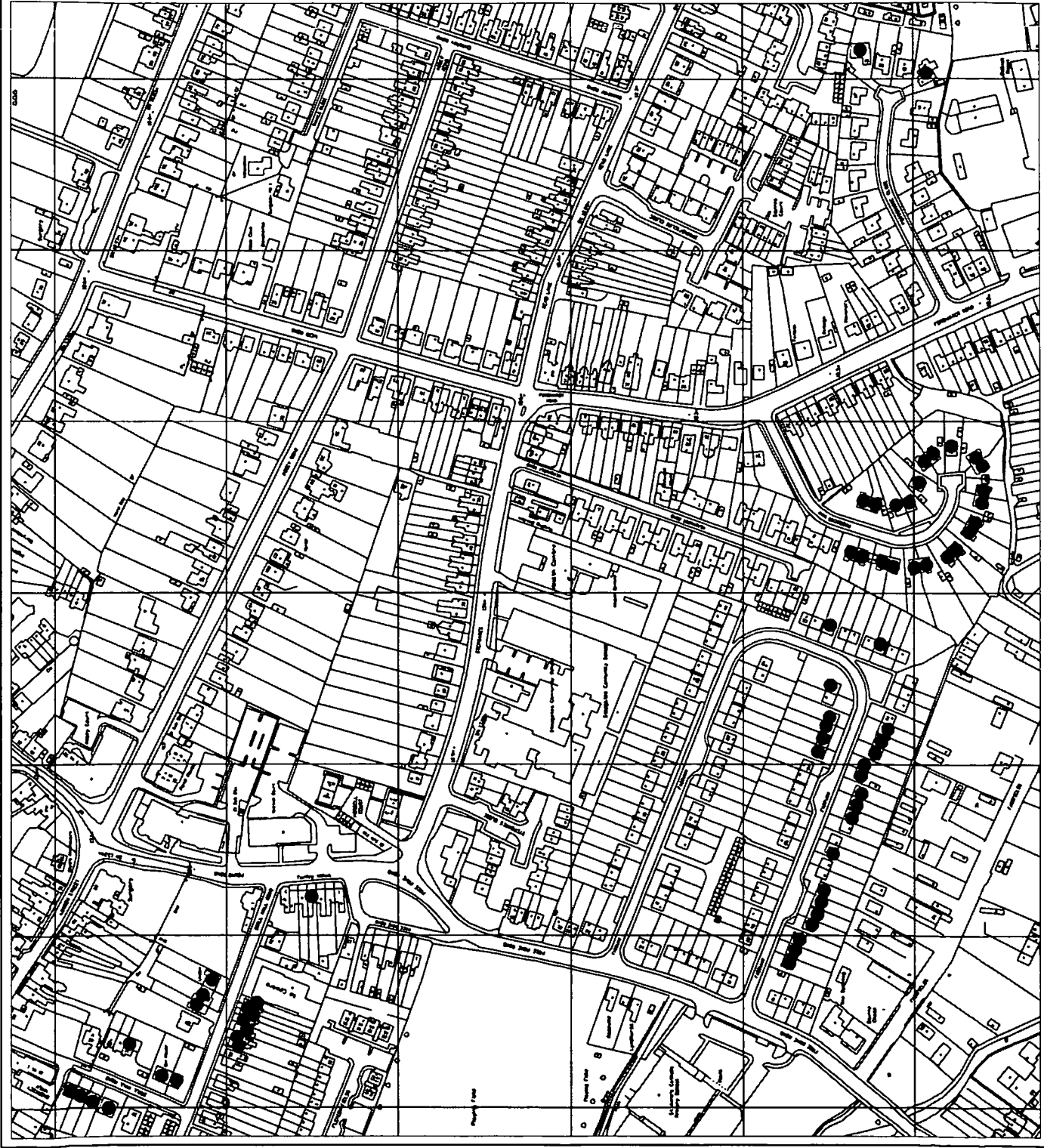


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JOB TITLE
 PROPERTY LEVEL FLOOD
 PROTECTION GRANT APPLICATION

DRG TITLE
 PROPERTIES IN CENTRAL
 CHERTSEY IDENTIFIED AS HAVING
 BEEN INTERNALLY FLOODED
 ABOVE GROUND FLOOR LEVEL IN
 JANUARY 2003

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
FINANCIAL MONITORING STATEMENT
 Figures to the end of January 2009

PROJECTED BUDGET AND FORECAST

	2008/09 Probable £'000	2009/10 Estimate £'000	Future Years	
			2010/11 £'000	2011/12 £'000
Total approved budgets	768	366	366	366
Approved and reported changes:				
<u>Changes approved in Financial Forecast (December 2008)</u>				
Car Parks				
Charges - revised tariff Jan 2010			-80	-80
Egham Precinct leasehold disposal July 2009			5	-4
Revised tariffs Jan 2012				-20
Corporate Properties - Egham Precinct 1 October 2010			-53	-106
Corporate Properties - uplift in rents - (Sainsbury)				-25
Civic Centre - rental income (Library)				-28
Other potential changes:				
Car Parks				
Egham Precinct leasehold disposal deferred			-5	4
Egham Precinct leasehold disposal - April 2010		-14	0	-7
Corporate Properties - Egham Precinct deferred			53	106
Corporate Properties - Egham Precinct 1 July 2011			0	-80
Old Civic Offices costs removed	-30	-50	-50	-50
Latest budget projection	738	302	236	76

SAVINGS STILL TO BE DELIVERED

	2008/09 Budget £'000	Future Years		
		2009/10 £'000	2010/11 £'000	2011/12 £'000
Civic Centre - security provision	24	13	13	13
Civic Centre - utilities	10	10	10	10

CURRENT YEAR KEY BUDGETS

	2008/09 Budget £	Budget to Date £	Actual to Date £	Variance to Date £
Income budgets				
Pay & Display income	418,000	328,000	332,500	4,500
Penalty Charge Notice income	75,300	62,800	64,300	1,500
Yellow Buses - School Fares	103,000	70,000	77,200	7,200
Yellow Buses - Section 106 Agreements	150,600	150,600	171,000	20,400
• Yellow Buses - Sponsorship and Donations	60,000	54,000	34,500	-19,500
Corporate Property income	1,144,900	1,034,100	1,093,700	59,600
• We have current commitments for approximately £50,000 from 5 sponsors that we will collect within this financial year.				

HIGHWAY SERVICES
FINANCIAL MONITORING STATEMENT
 Figures to the end of January 2009

PROJECTED BUDGET AND FORECAST

	2008/09 Probable £'000	2009/10 Estimate £'000	Future Years	
			2010/11 £'000	2011/12 £'000
Approved budget:				
Environmental Maintenance	117	122	122	122
Borough Highways Functions	158	164	164	164
Flood Mitigation	424	348	348	348
Engineering Services	-1	5	5	5
Total approved budgets	698	639	639	639
 Approved and reported changes:				
None				
 Other potential changes				
None				
 Latest budget projection	698	639	639	639

SAVINGS STILL TO BE DELIVERED

	2008/09 Budget £'000	Future Years		
		2009/10 £'000	2010/11 £'000	2011/12 £'000
Environmental Maintenance - savings target	2	2	2	2

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	2008/09 Budget £	Budget to Date £	Actual to Date £	Variance to Date £
None				