G-BUG comments on College Link + Cycle route (due 4 Sept)

Support

Response on behalf of Guildford Bicycle User Group (G-BUG). G-BUG supports the route in principle. We support the contraflow lane in Bedford Road, and the conversion of Footpath 45 to join William Road and Wharf Road.

We have noted in our separate response the need for efficient design for the crossing of Woodbridge Road. Similar comments will apply to the crossings of Stoke Road and Nightingale Road. These are one stage crossings, which is good, but can everything be done to ensure separation of cyclists and pedestrians and minimal crossing time.

There may be issues for cyclists at junctions, in particular

(a) Laundry Road/Bedford Road, where cyclists turning left from Laundry Road to join the contraflow lane in Bedford Road will need to cross traffic exiting from the latter. Indeed, could the contraflow lane be extended along Bedford Road in front the Court so that cyclists do not have to negotiate Mary Road and Laundry Road.

(b) Wharf Road/Woodbridge Road, Dapdune Road/Woodbridge Road, Markenfield Road/Stoke Road where sharp turns will be needed to access/leave the pavement at the crossings. At the least, we would expect the existing dropped kerbs at these locations to be improved.

We understand a shared use cycle path is planned along the pavement adjacent to Stoke Road, which is currently narrow and flanked by a hedge. No detailed plans for this are included in the consultation, but to be safe the path must be widened, especially given that a high level of pedestrian traffic can be expected from students heading to/from the College.

In all these matters, we urge that designs accord to best practice in the updated cycle infrastructure standards LTN 1/20.