

SAVE COWEY SALE FROM DESTRUCTION

Help prevent our green space being ruined by road development!



Surrey County Council has granted itself planning permission for a new permanent Walton Bridge, a new viaduct and new 'clover leaf' junction at Cowey Sale.

The clover leaf junction is unnecessary planning overkill. It would irretrievably damage our precious local environment, and destroy the character of Cowey Sale.

In the words of Surrey County Council's own environmental statement, the landscape around the slip roads would be "**dramatically and irreversibly changed**"

- The southern slip road would take over much of the current amenity area
- The northern slip road would destroy a Site of Nature Conservation Importance
- Two huge embankments would dominate the floodplain - 6.2 metres high, compared with the 3.8 metres of the current single embankment
- A stretch of riverside on either side of the bridge would become new roadway, with the riverbank reinforced by concrete
- Lost land would include the Walton Village Green

The result would be a tragic loss of amenity: tranquil green riverside replaced by sterile urban roadside, traffic and concrete. **A better design can and must be found!**

There will be a Public Inquiry this autumn into the compulsory purchase of this land. A crucial objection is that the parcel of 'Exchange Land' being offered to compensate for the loss is **not equivalent:** it is not riverside land, it is part of the Broadwater Farm 'car boot sale' field.

If you want to help save Cowey Sale, please send your objections in writing, by 31 August 2005 to:

- 1/ Surrey Case Officer, GOSE, Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 1BW
Include reference: GOSE / 105 / 003 / SURR / 38032
- 2/ DEFRA, Zone 1/05, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6EB
Include reference: CLI 108

Head each letter 'Surrey County Council (A244) Thames Crossing, Walton-on-Thames, Compulsory Purchase Order 2004' plus the reference number.

For more information, see the Walton Bridge Campaign web site: www.waltonbridgecampaign.co.uk