

**Report to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport**  
**Report submitted by: Director of Corporate Commissioning**  
**Date Monday, 13 March 2017**

**Part I**

Electoral Division affected:  
Accrington South;

**Nuttall Street, Accrington - Proposed Zebra Crossing**  
(Appendices 'A' and 'B' refer)

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**Executive Summary**

This report sets out a proposal to provide a zebra crossing on Nuttall Street, Accrington, to which an objection has been received.

**Recommendation**

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport is asked to give approval for the introduction of a zebra crossing as advertised and set out on the drawings attached at Appendices 'A' and 'B'.

**Background and Advice**

The issue of road safety and safe access to services in Wood Nook has been an ongoing issue for residents. Concerns are frequently raised at neighbourhood and residents meetings according to the local housing associations, Place First and Hyndburn Homes. A petition has been completed and submitted to the County Council with signatures from over 400 residents in the direct vicinity of the proposed crossing requesting that action is taken to improve crossing safety in the area. The proposed scheme will provide a formal crossing to help reduce the community severance caused by traffic using Nuttall Street.

Nuttall Street is a busy through road which is at times difficult to cross safely. This is due to the volume of motorised vehicles utilising the route to avoid congestion on the main route (A679). The petition shows great community support for a crossing to help address this issue.

Accrington Woodnook Primary and Lee Royd Nursery Schools on Royds Street lie to the southeast of Nuttall Street attracting pupils from nearby residential areas. The high traffic flow on Nuttall Street makes the walk to and from school a safety concern. In addition to the school, the local community makes use of amenities

including a number of late operating off licence's and takeaways. The Woodnook community centre is within close proximity to the proposed pedestrian crossing. A pedestrian survey has revealed the desire line to be from the north of Cotton Street to the south of Lemonius Street. A zebra crossing would safely cater for these movements, and assist in particular young children or pedestrians with mobility issues.

The desire line was agreed at a meeting held with local shop owners and officers from Place First and Hyndburn Borough Council. The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport and the local County Councillors also attended the meeting. Following a pedestrian/vehicle assessment, a design for the proposed zebra crossing was submitted to the Road Safety Audit team. The design was deemed appropriate for the location and there were no safety concerns identified.

### **Consultations**

The proposal for the zebra crossing was formally advertised between 18 November and 16 December 2016. County and Borough Councillors, local residents, Lancashire Constabulary and cycle representatives were consulted on the scheme and an objection was received. The objection is summarised as below:

1. There is insufficient demand for a crossing at this location.

As stated above, provision of a zebra crossing at this location is considered desirable given the pedestrian/vehicle assessment which concluded there was significant pedestrian demand. Site observations identified the difficulty that vulnerable users faced when crossing at this location. Vulnerable pedestrian movements to the nursery and adjacent primary school on Royds Street will be made with greater confidence through the provision of a new crossing facility.

### **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

### **Risk management**

No significant risks have been identified in relation to the proposals contained within this report. A zebra crossing will provide a safer location to cross at all times, not just at school opening and closing times. This facility will provide greater inter-visibility between vehicles and pedestrians and should help to reduce conflict between vehicles and vulnerable users.

### **Financial**

It is proposed that the scheme is funded from the previously approved 2014/15 priority neighbourhood allocation. The estimated cost of providing the zebra crossing is £28,500.00. The works should be delivered within the remaining allocation of £36,221.92.

**Legal**

Notice has been given in accordance with the provisions of section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

**List of Background Papers**

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A