

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 15 June 2017

Report of the Director of Corporate Commissioning

Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:
Rossendale South; and
Rossendale West

Upgrade of Existing Zebra Crossing to Puffin Crossing – Broadway, Haslingden

(Appendices 'A' and 'B' refer)

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Executive Summary

A proposed scheme to upgrade the existing Zebra Crossing on Broadway, Haslingden to a Puffin crossing was originally included in the 2015-16 Road Safety Programme.

There are long queues of traffic at busy times of day on Broadway due to the many pedestrians using the existing zebra crossing outside Haslingden High School. A pedestrian Puffin Crossing at this location will better manage the current conflict between pedestrians and traffic.

The proposal has an approved capital allocation of £58,000 in the 2015/16 Road Safety Programme.

This is deemed to be a Key Decision and the provisions of Standing Order No. 25 have been complied with.

Recommendation

The Cabinet is asked to give approval for the removal of the existing Zebra Crossing and construction of a new Puffin crossing and associated road markings on Broadway Haslingden, from a point 5.5m east of the centreline of Devon Crescent for a length of 41 metres eastwards as shown on the plan at Appendix 'B'. The proposal has an approved capital allocation of £58,000 in the 2015/16 Road Safety Programme.

Background and Advice

The proposal shown at Appendix 'A' was developed to reduce conflict between pedestrian and motorised users of the highway and improve traffic flow on Broadway, Haslingden, outside Haslingden High School.

There are long queues of traffic at busy times of day on Broadway due to the many pedestrians using the existing zebra crossing outside the school. A signal controlled pedestrian Puffin Crossing will improve traffic flow whilst reducing the current pedestrian/vehicle conflict at the crossing.

Under current design guidelines a new signal controlled crossing would have to be sited further away from the junction of Broadway with Devon Crescent, compared to the existing Zebra Crossing position. It was recognised that this would lead to a small reduction of parking spaces on the south side of Broadway compared to the existing situation.

The scheme is included in the 2015-16 approved Road Safety Programme with an allocation of £58,000.

Consultations

The proposal shown at Appendix 'A' was advertised in the local press and by site notices between Friday 17 February and Friday 17 March 2017.

Consultees included:

1. County Councillors for the divisions affected
2. Police/Fire/Ambulance services.
3. Local Residents,
4. Haslingden High School and Haslingden Broadway Primary School

Two objections were received:-

Objection No.1

A resident of Broadway objected on the grounds that the new crossing would impede access to his driveway and that he would lose the ability to park conveniently outside his house.

Response

The proposed crossing point is well away from the resident's driveway and so does not impede access. Although the zig-zag markings for the proposed crossing do run across his driveway they do not impede access. The resident cannot currently park directly outside his house due to the zig-zag lines associated with the current zebra crossing, which prohibit parking at any time. Currently, on the north side of Broadway, there is room for 2 cars to park legally within 20 metres of the resident's property, without obstructing the resident's access. Under the proposal, this will be reduced to one space. There will still be on-road parking available on the south side of Broadway. The property does have an existing large driveway/garage.

Objection No. 2

A parent of a child attending Broadway Primary School has complained about loss of parking spaces on the south side of Broadway, between Devon Crescent and the Primary School, due to the proposal. She states that there is limited parking in the area, and that the proposal will make parking more difficult at busy times.

Response

The existing parking bay on the south side of Broadway between Devon Crescent and the Primary School is not marked out for individual spaces. However, by observations and based on the overall length of this bay, it is estimated that 20 average size cars could park here. The proposal shown at Appendix 'A' would reduce this by 5-6 cars compared to the existing situation.

In light of the objection, the design has been revised to minimise the parking loss on the south side of Broadway. The revised design at Appendix 'B' would result in 2 parking spaces being lost compared to the existing situation. It is felt that this is a reasonable arrangement in view of the benefits to traffic flow and reduction of pedestrian/vehicle conflict at the crossing.

There is further parking provision available opposite the Primary School on the north side of Broadway and in Knowsley Road, as well as further west than Devon Crescent on Broadway, and in Grasmere Road to the east of the Primary School.

The Primary School also benefits from a school crossing patrol, to help pupils cross Broadway, which operates at the start and end of the school day.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

Without implementation of the proposals detailed in this report, the current conflict between pedestrian and motorised Highway users will continue at this site, with ongoing risk of pedestrian injury. This proposal will improve the flow of traffic along Broadway, Haslingden, at busy times of day.

Financial

The proposal has an approved capital allocation of £58,000 in the 2015/16 Road Safety Programme Capital Budget.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
None		

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A