

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 3 December 2018

Report of the Head of Service, Design and Construction

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
Wyre Rural Central;

Proposed Zebra Crossing, Lancaster Road, Knott End-on-Sea

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

This report sets out a proposal to provide a zebra crossing and associated works on B5270 Lancaster Road, Knott End-on-Sea, to which objections have been received.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to approve the installation of a zebra crossing and associated works on Lancaster Road, Knott End-on-Sea as shown in Appendix 'A'.

Background and Advice

It is proposed to construct a zebra crossing on Lancaster Road, Knott End-on-Sea, located east of the junction with Clarence Avenue. The location has been determined following analysis of accident records and on site surveys of current crossing desire lines.

The provision of a zebra crossing will provide greater inter-visibility between vehicles and pedestrians and should help to reduce conflict between vehicles and vulnerable users, thus allowing for safer pedestrian movements whilst crossing Lancaster Road.

Consultations

In October 2017, the proposed zebra crossing was formally advertised, resulting in concern over the loss of limited waiting spaces. Following this feedback the proposals now include the re-location of limited waiting spaces within a new lay-by constructed adjacent to the crossing, these additional proposals being subject to further consultation undertaken in May/June 2018.

Two objections to the proposals have been received as summarised below:-

Objections

1. The crossing is located too near the Clarence Avenue junction, it should be located further east to prevent conflict between pedestrians and vehicles.

Response

It is very common for pedestrian desire lines to be close to junctions or other areas of traffic interaction. It is highly likely that pedestrians would continue to use the same desire line and ignore the crossing if it were to be located elsewhere.

The proposed crossing is 13 metres away from the junction, this is well within current standards, the minimum distance being 5 metres.

2. The crossing and associated zig zag markings will remove parking. Many of the residents are elderly and they will have no alternative parking provision in the vicinity.

Response

The design has been revised to include the construction of a new lay-by adjacent to the crossing which will see the limited waiting spaces, albeit less one, relocated within it. As there is no automatic right to park on the highway, the provision of such amenity has to be balanced against the needs of other highway users and it is considered that these proposals balance the needs of users appropriately.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This proposal would create a controlled crossing facility at an existing uncontrolled crossing point and would reduce the risk to pedestrians wishing to cross Lancaster Road. The crossing and associated work should encourage slower vehicle speeds and create a safer environment.

Financial

The estimated cost of the proposals is £60,830.68 and will be part funded from the remainder of the current Road Safety allocation with the remainder (£49,000) funded from additional borrowing. Project ID 2780.

Legal

The proposals have been drafted and advertised in accordance with the provisions of section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to establish a Zebra Crossing on Lancaster Road, Knott End-on-Sea.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A