

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 16 January 2020

Report of the Head of Service - Design and Construction

Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:
Preston North; Preston East

Guild Wheel Improvements, Parallel Crossing - Oliver's Place and Pittman Way (Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

The 2020/21 Cycle Safety Capital Programme includes funding for two parallel crossings as part of the Guild Wheel cycle route in Preston.

The crossings on Oliver's Place and Pittman Way will improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists using the Guild Wheel.

This report summarises the results of the formal advertisement of the proposed parallel crossings to which one objection has been received.

This is deemed to be a Key Decision and the provisions of Standing Order C19 have been complied with.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to approve the proposal to install two parallel crossings as part of the Guild Way cycle route.

Background and Advice

Parallel crossings enable cyclists to cross a road safely, with the same level of priority as a zebra crossing gives a pedestrian. They are designed to make cyclists' journeys safer, easier and more reliable, giving them priority over all traffic on the road.

They look very similar to a zebra crossing with Belisha beacons and white zig zag markings but the crossing includes a cycle crossing area 'parallel' to the zebra crossing area, which is marked by broken white lines.

Two parallel crossings are proposed as a part of the 2019/20 Cycle Safety Capital Programme in order to increase the safety of, and improve the facilities for, pedestrians and cyclists using the Guild Wheel.

Consultations

Formal consultation on the proposals was undertaken in August 2019.

The local County Councillor has raised no objection.

Lancashire Constabulary has raised no objections.

One objection has been received in relation to the Oliver's Place proposal, which indicates that a new pedestrian crossing has recently been introduced 150 yards away on Oliver's Place as part of the new retail development. The parallel crossing proposal is likely to impact significantly on traffic flow in an already congested area, with congestion getting worse as the development is completed.

In response:

The chosen location of the proposed parallel crossing will improve facilities and increase safety for those using the Guild Wheel. The location of the new pedestrian crossing further down Oliver's Place is considered too distant to offer a safer route for Guild Wheel users, and, they would be unlikely to use it, as they would also have to cross two side roads without controlled crossing points.

Congestion is already a significant issue in the area and this has prompted the need for this parallel crossing. Visibility is currently poor due to parked cars in close proximity to the Guild wheel route. This, in combination with high traffic flows, creates the need for a safe crossing point for pedestrians and cyclists.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There are no significant risks associated with the proposals in this report.

Financial

The total construction costs for the works has been estimated to cost £45,538. This would be funded from the Cycle Safety capital allocation.

List of Background Papers

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A