

Croydon Council
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REPORT TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 21 July 2014
AGENDA ITEM:	22
SUBJECT:	PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSINGS AT BRIGSTOCK ROAD
LEAD OFFICER:	Jo Negrini, Executive Director of Development and Environment
CABINET MEMBER:	Councilor Kathy Bee, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment
WARDS:	Bensham Manor
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT:	
<p>The benefits of the recommendation as set out below is in line with Croydon's Community Strategy of creating a connected and sustainable city and improving the environment section 6.1C and also The Croydon Plan Saved Policies 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainable City; Facilitating a modal shift to sustainable transport - Connected City; Electric vehicles, cycling and walking facilities - Creative City; Improve Arts, Sports and recreational facilities - Caring City; Improving health and wellbeing 	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY:	
<p>The estimated cost of implementing the scheme as recommended in this report is £40,000 to be met from the budget for the permanent expansion of Whitehorse Manor - Brigstock Site Primary School.</p>	

FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO.:
Not a key decision

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1.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Traffic Management Advisory Committee recommend that the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment:

- 1.1 Delegate to the Enforcement and Infrastructure Manager, Highways and Parking Services the authority to give notice and subject to receiving no material objections, to make the necessary Traffic Management Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) in order to introduce zebra crossing facilities and associated signage at Brigstock Road (as shown on the attached plans TH-1000)
- 1.2 Note that any material objections received on the giving of public notices will be reported to a future Traffic Management Advisory Committee for consideration.

It is recommended that the that Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment:

2. Agree to Recommendations 1.1 and 1.2 above.

2.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report seeks agreement to implement a new zebra crossing facility in Brigstock Road at a total cost of £40,000.

3.0 DETAIL OF THIS REPORT

- 3.1 **Brigstock Road:** 50 metres from the junction with Colliers Water Lane outside the new Whitehorse manor – Brigstock Site Primary school at an estimated cost of £40,000. See drawing TH-1000 attached.
- 3.2 Funding for the design, consultation process and implementation will be taken from the budget for the permanent expansion of Whitehorse Manor Brigstock Site Primary School.
- 3.3 As part of the design and planning submission a Transport Assessment was carried out for the new build school and this identified a recommendation that a new pedestrian crossing should be provided close to the development. This recommendation has been conditioned as part of the planning approval notice.
- 3.4 The Council aims to introduce pedestrian crossings where they would be well used, reduce accident risk and encourage walking as a mode of transport. The Council also has a duty under the Traffic Management Act 2004 to improve facilities for vulnerable users such as those with disabilities. In particular they will benefit the elderly, children and those with mobility impairments.

3.5 The proposed zebra crossing has been subject to detailed design processes and road safety audit to ensure that they meet the needs and safety requirements of those using them. They have also been subject to consultation with the local stakeholders and the Councils Access Officer.

4.0 CONSULTATION

4.1 Informal discussions have been carried out with the Councils Access Officer. This is to ensure that the zebra crossing meets the needs of the local users and no issues were raised.

4.2 The Transport Assessment that identifies the need for the crossing formed part of the public consultation during the planning process. No Objections were raised to the scheme.

4.3 Formal consultation will be undertaken in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as part of the Traffic Management Order making process. This includes informing the Secretary of State in writing of the proposal to establish a pedestrian crossing and the Chief Officer of the Police is consulted. This is to be carried out upon the approval to proceed as per the recommendations of this paper.

4.4 The legal process requires that formal consultation takes place in the form of Public Notices published in the London Gazette and a local paper (Croydon Guardian). Although it is not a legal requirement this Council also fixes street notices to lamp columns in the vicinity of the proposed scheme and writes to occupiers who are directly affected to inform as many people as possible of the proposals. The Council will undertake to do this on this scheme also.

4.5 Official bodies such as the Fire Brigade, Cyclists Touring Club, The Pedestrian Association, Age UK, The Owner Drivers Society, The Confederation of Passenger Transport and bus operators are consulted separately at the same time as the public notice is issued. Up to 27 Bodies in total are consulted depending on the relevance of the proposals.

4.6 Once the notices have been published the public has 21 days to comment on, or object to the proposals. If no relevant objections are received, subject to agreement to the delegated authority sought by the recommendations, the Traffic Management Order will then be made. Any relevant objections received will be reported back to this Advisory Committee for a decision as to whether the scheme should be introduced as originally proposed, amended or abandoned and objectors informed of the decision.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 Revenue and Capital consequences of report recommendations

	Medium Term Financial Strategy			
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Capital Budget	2,419	6	0	0
Expenditure	457	0	0	0
Effect of Decision	40	0	0	0
Expenditure	497	0	0	0
Remaining	1,922	6	0	0

5.2 The effect of the decision

The scheme will be funded from the budget for the expansion of Whitehorse Manor - Brigstock Site Primary School. A decision to proceed will result in the allocated budget being subject to the outcome of the consultation.

5.3 Risks

The planning conditions state that the crossing needs to be implemented prior to the opening of the facility. If this does not take place this summer there would be increased costs associated with the September intake to provide a manned crossing point or temporary accommodation on another site until the works are completed.

5.4 Options

There are no other financial options available for this scheme and the funding for the project.

5.5 Savings/ future efficiencies

There are no savings or future efficiencies arising from this report.

5.6 Approved by: Tim Flood on behalf of Head of Finance, Planning & Environment.

6.0 COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER

6.1 The Council Solicitor comments that the Council may establish crossings for pedestrians on roads for which they are the traffic authority (section 23 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended)). In exercising this power, section 122 of the Act imposes a duty on the Council to have regard (so far as practicable) to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. The Council must also have regard to such matters as the effect on the amenities of any locality affected.

6.2 Before introducing the crossing, the Council must give public notice of the
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proposal (as required by Section 23(2) of the Act). The Council needs to comply with the necessary requirements of the Local Authorities Traffic Order Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 by giving the appropriate notices and receiving representations. Such representations must be considered before a final decision is made.

6.3 **Approved by: Gabriel MacGregor, Head of Corporate Law on behalf of the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer.**

7.0 HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

7.1 There are no additional staffing considerations arising from this report as the design and supervision of the works will be carried out by existing engineering staff.

7.2 **Approved by: Adrian Prescod, HR business partner, on behalf of the director, Workforce and Community Relations.**

8. CUSTOMER IMPACT

8.1 The recommendations in this report will provide pedestrians with a formal crossing point to help them cross at the location as mentioned above.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL AND DESIGN IMPACT

9.1 The recommendations in this report will help to remove barriers to walking and cycling to and from work, school and into town centres, which will encourage sustainable modes of travel.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT

10.1 There is not a crime and disorder reduction impact in this report.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: drawing TH-1000