

## Decision Record – Proposed Upgrade of a Zebra Crossing to a Puffin Crossing on Hillmorton Road near Kingsley Avenue, Rugby

<b>Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision</b>	Cllr Jeff Clarke Transport and Environment
<b>Date of Decision</b> (not before 21 July 2017)	<b>21/07/2017</b>

### Decision Taken

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Environment approve the installation of the Puffin crossing on Hillmorton Road as advertised in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 – Section 23.

### Reasons for Decisions

Where any objections have been received to a road traffic order the Portfolio Holder is required to decide on whether it be approved or not.

### Background Information

Before Divisional Boundary changes came into effect Councillor Jerry Roodhouse and ex-Councillor Richard Dodd and local residents requested an upgrade to the existing Zebra Crossing on Hillmorton Road near Kingsley Avenue in Rugby to a Puffin Crossing. Funding for the scheme would be secured through the pooling of the two Councillors' delegated budgets.

The purpose of upgrading the existing Zebra Crossing to a Puffin Crossing is:

- better driver compliance to obeying the crossing
- to encourage parents with school children to walk to school rather than drive;
- to enable children to cross the road safely to reach the school in the area;
- to assist residents to cross the road safely to access the local amenities.

Puffin crossings contribute to an integrated pedestrian network and help reduce conflict between traffic and pedestrians, encouraging feelings of safety. These factors are important in encouraging walking within a community. The design of these facilities takes into account the needs of people with physical and sensory disabilities to ensure equality of opportunity and access and the crossings include audible and tactile indicators to assist the visually impaired which operate throughout the day and night.

During the consultation period one objection was received from a resident to the proposal.

The proposed site for the Puffin crossing is on the south side of the existing Zebra crossing, as indicated on the plan in Appendix A of the published report.

The area is predominantly residential with a number of commercial properties in the vicinity of the proposed Puffin crossing.

The desirability of upgrading the Zebra crossing to a Puffin crossing has been highlighted by the local County Councillors due to increase of traffic volume and poor driver behaviour i.e. not stopping to allow pedestrians to cross the road.

### Financial Implications

It is estimated the scheme will cost £65,000 to implement. It will be funded from the Area Delegated Budget.

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<b>Portfolio Holder</b>	Councillor Jeff Clarke

## Checklist

<b>Urgent matter?</b>	No
<b>Confidential or Exempt?</b>	No
<b>Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?</b>	No

<b>List of Reports considered</b>
Link to published proposed decision report:  <a href="https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm55/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/4106/Committee/587/Default.aspx">https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm55/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/4106/Committee/587/Default.aspx</a>

<b>List of Background Papers</b>
Objection correspondence

<b>Members and officers consulted or informed</b>
<p>Portfolio Holder – Councillor Jeff Clarke  Corporate Board  Legal – Ian Marriott, Jane Pollard  Finance – Liz Firmstone, Virginia Rennie  Equality – Polly Sharma  Democratic Services – Paul Williams</p> <p>Local Member - Cllr Dahmash (Hillmorton)  Other Members – Cllr Roodhouse (Eastlands – adjacent Division), Cllr Western, Cllr Shilton, Cllr Cockburn, Cllr Horner, Cllr Fradgley</p>