

Decision Record – Proposed Puffin Crossing – Higham Lane near Ambleside Way, Nuneaton

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision	Cllr Jeff Clarke Transport and Environment
Date of Decision (not before 17 November 2017)	17/11/2017

Decision Taken
That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Environment approves the installation of a Puffin crossing on Higham Lane near Ambleside Way, Nuneaton, in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Section 23.

Reasons for Decisions
Where objections to RTOs have been received it is necessary for the Portfolio Holder to decide on it.

Background Information
<p>A request was received from Councillor Kondakor, and local residents for the installation of a safe crossing point on Higham Lane near Ambleside Way, Nuneaton.</p> <p>The primary purpose of the proposed Puffin crossing is to cater for the various pedestrian demands to cross Higham Lane in order to access Higham Lane School and St Nicholas C of E School. This crossing is to be delivered from the School Safety Zones and Routes programme.</p> <p>The site of the proposed Puffin crossing is located on Higham Lane near Ambleside Way, Nuneaton. Higham Lane is one of the main arterial routes into Nuneaton, and is heavily trafficked at peak times. It is also used by local residential traffic and at school times is busy with parents delivering and collecting their children, to the various schools in the vicinity. It is subject to a 30mph speed limit by virtue of street lighting and frontage development.</p> <p>The proposed site for the Puffin crossing will be just north of the junction with Ambleside Way. The area is predominantly residential.</p> <p>The need for a Puffin crossing on Higham Lane near Ambleside Way is to accommodate the various demands for pedestrian movements across the road, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> east-west links to access schools within the area, including links to access Higham Lane School in Higham Lane and St Nicholas C of E School in Windermere Avenue. <p>When considering the justification for a controlled crossing, standard criteria based on the numbers of vehicles and pedestrians using a location are calculated. This calculation is known as the PV2 value. To reach the required criteria for a crossing, and comply with the current WCC policy for a puffin crossing the PV2 value should exceed 0.9×108. In this location the PV2 value is 1.53×108 which fully meets these criteria.</p>

Financial Implications
Capital funding for School Safety Zones and Routes was originally agreed at the full council meeting in February 2015 and was re-approved by Council when it set the 2017/18 budget in February 2017. This scheme will be fully funded from this budget at an approximate cost of £65,000.

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Checklist

Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or Exempt? (State the category of exempt information)	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of Reports considered
Link to published proposed decision report: https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/4110/Committee/587/Default.aspx

List of Background Papers
Correspondence

Members and officers consulted or informed
Portfolio Holder – Councillor Jeff Clarke Corporate Board Legal – Ian Marriott, John Gregory, Peter Endall Finance – Liz Firmstone, Virginia Rennie Equality – Polly Sharma Democratic Services – Paul Williams Local Councillor: Councillor Kondakor Other members: Councillor Chattaway, Shilton, Clarke, Fradgley, Horner