


## Decision Record – Proposed Puffin Crossing - Murray Road near Railway Terrace, Rugby

<b>Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision</b>	Cllr Jeff Clarke Transport and Planning
<b>Date of Decision</b> (not before 15 March 2019)	15/3/2019
	

### Decision Taken

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves the installation of a Puffin Crossing on Murray Road near Railway Terrace, Rugby, in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Section 23 and removal of the existing raised table road hump, in accordance with The Highways (Traffic Calming) Regulations 1999.

### Reasons for Decisions

If objections to a highway proposal are received the matter must be considered and decided on by the Portfolio Holder.

### Background Information

A request was received from Councillor Webb, for the installation of a safe crossing point on Murray Road near Railway Terrace, Rugby.

The primary purpose of the proposed Puffin Crossing is to cater for the various pedestrian demands to cross Murray Road in order to access local primary and secondary schools, and the FE College situated in Technology Drive. This crossing is to be delivered from the School Safety Zones and Routes programme.

The site of the proposed Puffin crossing is located on Murray Road near Railway Terrace, Rugby. Murray Road is one of the main arterial routes into Rugby and is heavily trafficked at peak times of the day. It is also used by local bus services and rail commuters and is busy with all types of traffic throughout the day. It is subject to a 20mph speed limit zone.

The proposed site for the Puffin crossing will be between the junction of Railway Terrace and Abbey Street. The area is predominantly residential, with the main Rugby Railway Station to the north of the site.

The need for a Puffin crossing on Murray Road near Railway Terrace is to accommodate the various demands for pedestrian movements across the road, including:

- East-west links to access schools within the area, including links to access to St Andrew's Benn Primary School in Chester Street, and the secondary schools of Avon Valley School in Newbold and Lawrence Sheriff School in Clifton Road. Additionally, links to the College of FE in Technology Drive will be served by this facility.
- The main Railway Station serving Rugby Town is situated approx. 100m from this crossing, which will assist commuters on their journeys, and link to car parks and bus stops for onward journeys.
- Local Tesco Metro shop in close proximity, as are a number of other small retail outlets.

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  $PV^2$  value and should exceed  $0.9 \times 10^8$ . In this location the  $PV^2$  value is  $1.31 \times 10^8$  which fully meets these criteria.

**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 2018/19 budget in 2018. This scheme will be fully funded from this budget at an approximate cost of £65,000.

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**Checklist**

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

**List of Reports considered**

Link to published proposed decision report:

<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/Calendarofmeetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/4409/Committee/593/Default.aspx>

**List of Background Papers**

N/A

**Members and officers consulted or informed**

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Jeff Clarke  
 Corporate Board  
 Legal – Ian Marriott  
 Finance – Virginia Rennie  
 Equality – Keira Rounsley  
 Democratic Services – Paul Williams

Councillor Webb