

# Portfolio Holder Decisions

## Decisions


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## Decision Record – Addition of two Developer-funded Highway Schemes to the Capital Programme

<b>Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision</b>	Councillor Peter Butlin Deputy Leader (Finance & Property)
<b>Date of Decision</b> (not before 18 October 2019)	14 Nov 2019
	

### Decision Taken

That the Deputy Leader (Finance and Property) gives approval to add the following schemes to the Capital Programme:

- Provision of new bus stops on Campden Road (B4035) in Shipston-on-Stour, at an approximate cost of £38,000 fully funded from a developer contribution; and
- Improvements to bus stops on junction of Mancetter Road and Camp Hill Road in Nuneaton, at an approximate cost of £16,000 fully funded from a developer contribution.

### Reasons for Decisions

Additions to the Capital Programme of less than £2m require the approval of the Portfolio Holder for Finance.

### Background Information

#### Provision of New Bus Stops on Campden Road in Shipston-on-Stour

A planning application was submitted to Stratford-on-Avon District Council in relation to the former IMI Norgren Site on Campden Road in Shipston-on-Stour. Planning permission was granted on 14 October 2016 (Planning Application No. 16/01002/FUL) and this requires the Developer to make a Bus Stop Contribution of £38k to the County Council upon occupation of the first dwelling. The funding is earmarked towards providing bus stops on Campden Road to serve the new development.

#### Improvements to Bus Stops on the Junction of Mancetter Road and Camp Hill Road in Nuneaton

A planning application was submitted to Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council relating to Land at the Former Reservoir Site on Mancetter Road in Nuneaton. Planning permission was granted on 19 December 2018 (Planning Application No. 035448) and this requires the Developer to make a Highway Improvements Contribution of £16k to the County Council prior to the first occupation of the dwellings. The funding is earmarked towards delivering improvements to the bus stops on the junction of Mancetter Road and Camp Hill Road, which shall include raised kerbs, bus stop poles and bus stop clearway box markings.

### Financial Implications

The schemes described above are fully funded by Section 106 developer contributions which are ring-fenced for the works described. The Council is therefore unable to utilise the funding on any alternative schemes and the addition of these schemes to the capital programme will not affect the overall level of available capital resources. The works are expected to start and

finish within the 2019-20 financial year. However, the commencement of the works is dependent on the contractor mobilisation processes and may slip. Any slippage will be reported in the normal quarterly monitoring process.

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<b>Portfolio Holder</b>	Councillor Peter Butlin

### Checklist

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

### List of Reports considered

Link to published proposed decision report:

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### List of Background Papers

None

### Members and officers consulted or informed

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Peter Butlin

Corporate Board

Legal – Jane Pollard

Finance – Virginia Rennie

Equality – Keira Rounsley


Democratic Services – Paul Williams

Local Member(s): Cllr Jo Barker (Shipston)  
Cllr Corinne Davis (Camp Hill)

Other members: Councillors Roodhouse, Singh Birdi, Warwick, O'Rourke, Butlin, Chattaway and Boad.

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## Decision Record – Various Developer-funded Scheme Approvals

<b>Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision</b>	Councillor Peter Butlin Deputy Leader (Finance & Property)
<b>Date of Decision</b> (not before 18 October 2019)	14 NOV 2019
	

### Decision Taken

That the Deputy Leader (Finance and Property) gives approval to the addition of the following two schemes to the Capital Programme for 2019/2020 and authorises the Strategic Director for Communities to procure the construction contracts for the schemes and to enter into such contracts on terms and conditions acceptable to the Strategic Director for Resources subject to the applicable Section 278 Agreements with the Developers being signed which will provide for 100% of the funding:

- A4177 Birmingham Road, Hatton. Developer – Taylor Wimpey. Approximate value £600k
- A423 Southam By-pass, Southam. Developer – Taylor Wimpey. Approximate value £1.8m

### Reasons for Decisions

Additions to the Capital Programme of less than £2m must be approved by the Portfolio Holder for Finance.

### Background Information

#### A4177 Birmingham Road, Hatton

A planning application was submitted to Warwick District Council by Taylor Wimpey in respect of a residential development on land at Birmingham Road, Hatton. Planning permission is pending (ref: W/19/0933). The planning application includes a proposed ghost right turn lane to create an access to the site.

With this agreement to add this scheme to the Capital Programme being agreed at an estimated cost of **£600,000** (to include fees and works), the technical review of the scheme design is expected to commence within the 2019/2020 financial year and the works will be procured in a future financial year once the technical review is complete to the County Council's satisfaction. The County Council will enter into a Section 278 agreement with the Developer to undertake the works and under the agreement all the costs and fees will be fully funded by the Developer.

#### A423 Southam By-pass, Southam

A planning application was submitted to Stratford-on-Avon District Council by Orbit Homes for the erection of up to 535 dwellings on land between Daventry Road and Welsh Road East, Southam. Planning permission was granted on appeal on 16 December 2016 (ref: 15/04473/OUT) and this required the Developer to construct an access from Daventry Road prior to first occupation and to have submitted plans for improvement works at A423 Southam Road / A425 Daventry Road and at A423 Southam Road / A425 Leamington Road, both of which need to be implemented before 50% of the dwellings are occupied. The Daventry Road access works have now been completed.

The implementation of new pedestrian crossing facilities as part of this scheme is subject to separate statutory notice and consultation procedure and any representations will be reported to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning.

With this approval to add this scheme to the Capital Programme being agreed at an estimated cost of **£1,800,000** the technical review of the scheme design is expected to commence within the 2019/2020 financial year and the works will be procured in a future financial year once the technical review is complete to the County Council's satisfaction. The County Council will enter into a Section 278 agreement with the Developer to undertake the works and under the agreement all the costs and fees will be fully funded by the Developer.

With this approval to add this scheme to the capital programme, further approval is sought to procure the major contract for the scheme and to enter into such contract subject to the applicable Section 278 Agreement with the Developer being signed which will provide for 100% of the funding.

### Financial Implications

Section 278 schemes are fully funded by developer contributions which are ring-fenced for the works described in the sections above. There are no alternative uses for the contributions and the addition of these schemes will not affect the overall level of available capital resources.

The financial years within which the technical review and works are expected to start are included in the sections above. However, the commencement of the works is dependent on the completion of the technical review, procurement and contractor mobilisation processes and may slip. Any slippage will be reported in the normal quarterly monitoring process.

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### Checklist

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

### List of Reports considered

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### List of Background Papers

None

### Members and officers consulted or informed

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Peter Butlin

Corporate Board

Legal – Jane Pollard

Finance – Virginia Rennie


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Democratic Services – Paul Williams

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Cllr Corinne Davis (Camp Hill)

Other members: Councillors Roodhouse, Singh Birdi, Warwick, O'Rourke, Butlin, Chattaway and Boad.

## Decision Record – Approval to Tender for Waste Management Contract

<b>Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision</b>	Councillor Peter Butlin Deputy Leader (Finance & Property)
<b>Date of Decision</b> (not before 18 October 2019)	14 NOV 2019
	

### Decision Taken

That the Deputy Leader (Finance and Property) authorises the commencement of a procurement process and provides delegated authority for the Strategic Director for Communities to award the contract for reprocessing of mixed wood waste from the household waste recycling centres substantially as laid out in Section 2 and on terms and conditions acceptable to the Strategic Director for Resources.

### Reasons for Decisions

Procurement exercises such as this require the approval of the Portfolio Holder for Finance.

### Background Information

It is the responsibility of Warwickshire County Council, as the Waste Disposal Authority, to provide household waste recycling centres (HWRC) for members of the public. In 2018/19 the HWRCs handled in the region of 50,000 tonnes of municipal waste.

The Council manages 8 of the HWRCs in-house and has to have contracts in place for the re-use, recycling, recovery or disposal of waste materials brought to the site by the public and traders. Waste materials need to be managed in line with the waste hierarchy and in line with all appropriate legislation.

One of the waste materials the Council needs to have a reprocessing contract for is mixed waste wood, as this is one of the material streams brought to the site by the public and traders. The current contract expires in March 2020.

The initial contract term will be 2 years however the Authority reserves the right to extend the contract by further periods not exceeding 24 months.

Soft market testing with suppliers has been carried out to inform the structure of the new contract.

The Council will seek to procure a contract for the reprocessing of approximately 8000 tonnes of mixed wood waste so that it is recycled or recovered. The contract will not state a minimum or maximum tonnage.

If the Council were to landfill the mixed wood waste this would cost in the region of £865,000 per annum (£3,460,000 for four years).

The proposal is to have 2 Lots:

- Container provision, haulage and reprocessing of mixed wood waste from Warwickshire managed HWRCs.
- Reprocessing of mixed wood waste from Warwickshire managed HWRCs.

The lots will be used to assess whether it is more beneficial for the contractor to provide containers and/or haulage as part of the contract or whether this should be kept separate. Variant bids will also be accepted.

### Financial Implications

The total cost of a four-year contract for reprocessing, container hire and haulage based on existing costs is estimated to be in the region of £1,500,000.

The contract cost will be less if the container provision and haulage are kept separate.

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### Checklist

<b>Urgent matter?</b>	No
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### List of Background Papers

None

### Members and officers consulted or informed

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Peter Butlin

Corporate Board

Legal – Jane Pollard

Finance – Virginia Rennie

Equality – Keira Rounsley

Democratic Services – Paul Williams

Local Member(s): Cllr Jo Barker (Shipston)  
Cllr Corinne Davis (Camp Hill)

Other members: Councillors Roodhouse, Singh Birdi, Warwick, O'Rourke, Butlin, Chattaway and Boad.



## Decision Record – Parent Carer Assessment Review

<b>Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision</b>	Councillor Jeff Morgan Children's Services
<b>Date of Decision</b> (not before 18 October 2019)	<b>04/11/2019</b>

### Decision Taken

That the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services authorises the undertaking of a consultation exercise on the process, procedure and outcomes for Parent Carer Assessments

### Reasons for Decisions

Before a consultation exercise can be undertaken the permission of the relevant Portfolio Holder must be obtained.

### Background Information

It is time to update the Parent Carer Assessment (PCA) so that it reflects the current challenges and needs of parents. Warwickshire County Council has a statutory obligation to complete a PCA on request from any parent. The mechanism of how an assessment is undertaken and the outcomes it achieves are within the LA remit to decide.

The current assessment form has been in operation for several years and a formal process/procedure was never designed but evolved on a reactive basis depending upon the request. The process in place has never been reviewed or scrutinised in line with changes to practice and parental needs. There is no transparent guidance for parent carers or practitioners to follow.

Currently, requests for a PCA become an assessment of the child on the basis that they are processed through MASH. This results in a lengthy and intrusive assessment process when the need for social care has not necessarily been requested. For mainstream social care cases, if an assessment of the child results in no further action, the parent carer needs may become lost in the system on the basis that the large majority of these cases are closed.

Alignment with the adult social care process would alleviate issues when it is time for the transition into adult social care.

### Financial Implications

This decision is primarily concerned with the processes and procedures for the assessments from both a customer/ client as well as practitioners' points of view and their user experience. There is a risk that financial payments could increase due to greater awareness. Current total forecasted expenditure for 2019/20 (before any changes) is in the region of £30,000 to £40,000. It is presumed there will be little or no additional pressure on the budget as a result of the outcomes of this paper. Any risks are mitigated by addressing the issue of ongoing payments without review and will also signpost people to non-financial alternatives as well as one-off payments as opposed to ongoing payments.

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## Checklist

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<b>Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?</b>	N

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### List of Background Papers

None

### Members and officers consulted or informed


Portfolio Holder – Councillor  
 Corporate Board  
 Legal – Jane Pollard  
 Finance – Virginia Rennie  
 Equality – Keira Rounsley  
 Democratic Services – Paul Williams

The report was circulated to the following members prior to publication:

Councillors Dahmash, Chattaway, Morgan, Roodhouse, Chilvers, Williams, Hayfield and C. Davies

## Decision Record – Proposed Puffin Crossing – Croft Road, near Mersdale Drive, Nuneaton

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<b>Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision</b>	Councillor Jeff Clarke Transport & Planning
<b>Date of Decision</b> (not before 18 October 2019)	21/10/2019
	

### Decision Taken

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves the installation of a Puffin Crossing on Croft Road, near Mersdale Drive, Nuneaton in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Section 23.

### Reasons for Decisions

Where objections have been received to a road traffic order the approval of the Portfolio Holder to their implementation is required.

### Background Information

The primary purpose of the proposed Puffin Crossing is to improve the safety for school children crossing Croft Road in order to access Croft Junior School, Glendale Infant School and local amenities.

### Proposed Scheme

The site of the proposed Puffin Crossing is located on Croft Road, Nuneaton. Croft Road is residential in nature with housing situated on both sides of the road. It is subject to a 30mph speed limit.

The proposed site for the Puffin Crossing will be near the junction with Mersdale Drive, opposite Tesco Express. (See appendix).

The need for the Puffin Crossing on Croft Road is to improve the safety for the school children crossing the carriageway to Croft Junior School, Glendale Infant School and adjacent amenities.

The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Section 23, requires that before establishing, altering or removing a pedestrian crossing facility, the authority shall consult with the Chief Officer of Police and give public notice of the proposal. A public notice was erected on site in the vicinity of the proposed crossing, information was also published on Warwickshire County Council's website. Details were also sent to statutory consultees (including the Chief Officer of Police) and to the residents in the immediate vicinity of the site and who are directly affected and in the Nuneaton News.

During the consultation period between 2 August and 30 August 2019 one objection was received relating to the proposed crossing.

### Objection – Resident of Fair Isle Drive

A resident of Fair Isle Drive has written in objecting on the grounds stated below:

"This letter as an objection to installing a crossing on Croft Road to cross from Mersdale Drive.

The reason for my objection is that there are already 5 pedestrian refuges in such a short space where the proposed crossing will be.

Also yet another crossing will lead to even more traffic delays".

**Response**

The location of the proposed Puffin crossing is near to Mersdale Drive which will replace one of the 2 existing pedestrian refuges, the other 3 are central refuges to narrow the road and slow the traffic down.

It has been identified as the main crossing point between Croft Junior School and Gendale Infant School and surrounding amenities.

The installation of the Puffin crossing will provide a safe controlled crossing point encouraging people/children to cross there and not use the other pedestrian refuge.

There is no evidence that the Puffin crossing will cause any traffic delays.

**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 2019/20 budget in 2019. This scheme will be fully funded from this budget at an approximate cost of £65,000.

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

**Checklist**

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**List of Background Papers**

None

**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

Local Members:


Councillor Caroline Phillips

Councillor Clare Golby

Other Members:

Councillors Cockburn, Phillips, Shilton, Chattaway, Chilvers, Roodhouse and Clarke

## Decision Record – Proposed Traffic Calming Speed Humps, Beaumont Road, Nuneaton

<b>Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision</b>	Councillor Jeff Clarke Transport & Planning
<b>Date of Decision</b> (not before 18 October 2019)	21/10/2019
	

### Decision Taken

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves that the proposed speed humps along Beaumont Road, Nuneaton be implemented as advertised pursuant to section 90A of the Highways Act 1980.

### Reasons for Decisions

Where objections have been received to a road traffic order the approval of the Portfolio Holder to their implementation is required.

### Background Information

A proposal for four number traffic calming speed humps was consulted on between 18 July 2019 to 9 August 2019 which included the local newspaper and residents within the affected area, who received a letter. One letter of objections was received.

<u>Representations of objections</u>	<u>Officer response</u>
The plans provided show the location of proposed speed hump is partially over the properties vehicle access, which will prevent the property owner to access their property in safe manner.	The location of the proposed speed hump will be marked out on site by the design engineer before work commences to ensure that the traffic calming feature is installed on the carriageway at a location so it does not impede the vehicle access to the property.
If the Speed humps purpose is to reduce the speed of the traffic, why can't there be a speed camera installed at the location instead of the speed humps.	To install a speed camera at a location it has to meet certain criteria set out by the Department of Transport (DFT Circular 01/2007 which can be read in Appendix D) which Beaumont Road does not meet and are mainly located on main carriageways and not in residential areas. The installations of traffic calming features are to reduce the speed of the traffic along a larger section of carriageway.

### Financial Implications

The scheme will be fully funded from the Local Members Delegated Budget. Any further works required post Road Safety Audit Stage 3 or raised post construction by Residents will be funded through the Local Members Delegated Budget.

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

## Checklist

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### List of Background Papers

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### 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

Local Member: Councillor Olnor

Other Members: Councillors Cockburn, Phillips, Shilton, Chattaway, Chilvers, Roodhouse and Clarke

## Decision Record – Proposed Traffic Calming Speed Humps, Gadsby Street, Nuneaton

<b>Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision</b>	Councillor Jeff Clarke Transport & Planning
<b>Date of Decision</b> (not before 18 October 2019)	21/10/2019
	

### Decision Taken

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves the installation of the proposed speed humps upon Gadsby Street, Nuneaton as advertised pursuant to section 90A of the Highways Act 1980.

### Reasons for Decisions

Where objections have been received to a road traffic order the approval of the Portfolio Holder to their implementation is required.

### Background Information

Proposal for nine number traffic calming speed humps was consulted on between 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 to 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019 which included the local newspaper and residents within the affected area, who received a letter. Four letters of objections were received.

<u>Representations of objections</u>	<u>Officer response</u>
The proposed speed humps will cause damage to vehicles and hinder emergency vehicles.	The proposed installations of the traffic calming features are circulated to all the emergency services within the consultation period for them to raise any concerns and objections with regards to the scheme. This scheme did not raise any concerns or objections from the emergency services. The construction and height of the speed humps (height of proposed speed humps in Gadsby Street are 0.075m) are designed to industry standards to slow vehicles but not to cause damage to standard vehicles.
The proposed speed humps are a waste of the council budget and should be spent on maintaining and repairing the carriageways.	The budget for this scheme is funded by the Local Councillors delegated budget which is used to address issues in their district/boroughs raised by the residents and is completely separate from the County Highways maintenance budget.
The proposed speed humps will reduce parking spaces for residents along Gadsby Street.	The locations and construction height of the proposed speed humps will not impede the residents from parking on the speed humps, maintaining the amount of road space for residents to park their vehicles.
The proposed speed humps will be hazardous for vehicles reversing along the carriageway if they meet an approaching vehicle.	The location of the proposed speed humps and construction height of 0.075m will not impede vehicles reversing as the locations are far enough apart to give the drivers good

	forward visibility of any vehicles that are approaching from the opposite direction.
The proposed speed humps will have an impact on the environment with increased pollution due to the vehicles driving slower and taking longer to travel along the carriageway	Although some traffic management measures can result in increased emissions per vehicle, they also generally result in a reduction in the volume of traffic. Thus, even though emissions per vehicle may increase, this can be offset by the reduction in traffic. The amount of traffic in residential areas is relatively small, and traffic diverted to other roads is unlikely to have a significant effect on emissions.
Wintrier conditions will make it difficult to traverse the speed humps.	The construction height and gradient of the proposed speed humps will not impact on the ability of the motorists to traverse the humps in wintrier conditions.

### Financial Implications

The scheme will be fully funded from the Local Members Delegated Budget. Any further works required post Road Safety Audit Stage 3 or raised post construction by Residents will be funded through the Local Members Delegated Budget.

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<b>Strategic Director</b>	Mark Ryder
<b>Portfolio Holder</b>	Councillor Jeff Clarke

### Checklist

<b>Urgent matter?</b>	N
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### List of Background Papers

None

### 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

Local Member: Councillor Sargeant

Other Members: Councillors Cockburn, Phillips, Shilton, Chattaway, Chilvers, Roodhouse and Clarke



## Decision Record – Objection to the removal of the Puffin crossing on Bridge Street near Mill Lane, Barford.

<b>Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision</b>	Councillor Jeff Clarke Transport & Planning
<b>Date of Decision</b> (not before 18 October 2019)	21/10/2019
	

### Decision Taken

That the Portfolio Holder approves the removal of the Puffin crossing on Bridge Street as advertised in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 – Section 23.

### Reasons for Decisions

Where objections have been received to a road traffic order the approval of the Portfolio Holder to their implementation is required.

### Background Information

The Puffin crossing on Bridge Street, Barford, is nearing the end of its life cycle and in accordance with the County Council's policy for Pedestrian Crossings the justification for the Puffin crossing has been reviewed.

A detailed investigation was carried out which included a 12 hour (7:00 am to 7:00 pm) pedestrian / vehicle survey which took place on 19 June, 2018 to monitor the use of the crossing. The average vehicle flow and pedestrians count over the four busiest hours in the day were 278 and 21 respectively, see Appendix A. Based on these figures the justification was calculated to be 1%, therefore the outcome of the investigation based on the policy is that a Puffin crossing is no longer justified at this location.

The investigation has indicated that vehicle movements have reduced considerably since the Puffin crossing was initially implemented in April 2003. This is because through traffic is now using the Barford bypass which was constructed in 2008. As a result, the degree of conflict between pedestrians and traffic has reduced.

The outcome of the investigation has indicated that this Puffin crossing is now not justified in accordance with the County Council's policy for Pedestrian Crossings which was adopted in 2011.

The proposal has been assessed by the County Council's Road Safety Engineers; who have not raised any safety concerns with this proposal.

It is estimated the scheme to remove the crossing will cost £14,000 to implement and save the annual maintenance and routine inspections costs of £960 per year. This would be funded from the Capital Budget.

If the Puffin crossing was retained, then the traffic signal equipment will need to be replaced at a cost of approximately £18,000 which will need to be funded from the Capital Budget.

During the consultation period we have received one objection from a resident to the proposal; which is supported by (i) Royal National Institute of Blind People, (ii) The National Federation of the Blind of the UK and (iii) The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

It has been acknowledged by The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association that they recognise that there are always fine balances required where cost v benefits are concerned.

### Financial Implications

It is proposed to utilise monies from the Capital Budget to fund the removal of the Puffin crossing. A budget provision of £14,000 has been included in the Capital Programme for 2019/20.

An annual saving of £920 will be made from the revenue budget due to the removal of the Puffin crossing.

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## Checklist

<b>Urgent matter?</b>	N
<b>Confidential or Exempt?</b> (State the category of exempt information)	N
<b>Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?</b>	N

### List of Reports considered

Link to published proposed decision report:

<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cmis5/Calendarofmeetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/4599/Committee/593/Default.aspx>

### List of Background Papers

None

### 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

Local Member:

Councillor Les Caborn

Other Members:

Councillors Cockburn, Phillips, Shilton, Chattaway, Chilvers, Roodhouse and Clarke