Portfolio Holder Decisions/Leader Decisions

Friday 17 April 2020

Minutes

Attendance

Committee Members Councillor Peter Butlin Councillor Jeff Clarke

1. Deputy Leader (Finance and Property) - Addition of Developer-funded Highway Schemes to the Capital Programme - Bus Shelters in Nuneaton and Bidford

Resolved

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

- 1. Contribution towards a puffin crossing and improvements to existing bus stops including provision of bus shelters on Plough Hill Road in Nuneaton. Approximate cost £74k
- 2. Provision of a bus stop including a bus shelter in the vicinity of the roundabout on Waterloo Road in Bidford-on-Avon. Approximate cost £27k.
- 2. Deputy Leader (Finance and Property) April 2020 Developer Funded Scheme Approvals

Resolved

That the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property gives approval to the addition of the following six schemes to the Capital Programme for 2020/2021:

- A46 / A428 Rugby Road, Binley Woods. Highways England scheme. Approximate value £50,000
- A426 Rugby Road / D3616 The Square, Dunchurch. Developer Barratt David Wilson Homes. Approximate value £500,000
- A426 Dunchurch Road / B4429 Ashlawn Road, Rugby. Developer Barratt David Wilson Homes. Approximate value £200,000

- B4429 Ashlawn Road / D3394 Barby Road, Dunchurch. Developer Barratt David Wilson Homes. Approximate value £600,000
- C93 Bishopton Lane (canal bridge traffic signals), Stratford-upon-Avon. Developers Taylor Wimpey and Miller Homes. Approximate value £600,000
- D3948 Falkland Place, Temple Herdewyke. Developer Mulberry Homes. Approximate value £300,000

3. Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning - Warwick CPE Variation 5

Resolved

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves that the below named proposed Traffic Regulation Order be made as advertised (or with such other title as amended to reflect the Order title change from a Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area to the correct term of Civil Enforcement Area).

Warwickshire County Council (District of Warwick) (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Waiting Restrictions, On-Street Parking Places and Residents' Parking) (Consolidation) Variation 5 Order 2019

4. Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning - Stareton Lane -One way (Proposed No Right Turnout of Stareton Lane, Stoneleigh)

Resolved

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves The Warwickshire County Council (Stareton Lane, Stoneleigh) (One Way Traffic) Order 2020 and The Warwickshire County Council (Stareton Lane / B4113 Stoneleigh Road, Stoneleigh) (Prohibition of Right Turns) Order 2020 as advertised.

Portfolio Holder Decision – Addition of Developer-funded Highway Schemes to the Capital Programme

Portfolio Holder	Deputy Leader (Finance and Property)
Date of decision	27 April 2020
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1.0 Reasons for decisions

1.1 On 15 May 2018, the Council reconfirmed the delegated power to the Leader, or body nominated by them, to approve the addition to the Capital Programme of schemes costing less than £2.0million, which are funded from external grants, developer contributions or from revenue. The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property is that nominated body.

2.0 Background information

2.1 <u>Contribution towards a Puffin Crossing and Improvements to Existing Bus Stops in Nuneaton:</u>

A planning application was submitted to Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council in relation to Land at the Former Reservoir on Mancetter Road in Nuneaton.

Planning permission was granted 17 August 2015 (Planning Application No. 033156) and this requires the Developer to make a "Highway Improvements Contribution" of £74k to the County Council upon first occupation of any dwelling. A puffin crossing and pair of bus stops have already been provided on Plough Hill Road as part of Section 278 Agreement highway works funded by the Developer. Therefore, the developer contribution is earmarked towards providing bus shelters at the bus stops to further improve the waiting environment and to create a Traffic Monitoring Site at the puffin crossing to survey flow.

2.2 Provision of a Bus Stop including Bus Shelter in Bidford-on-Avon:
A planning application was submitted to Stratford-on-Avon District Council relating to land at Waterloo Road in Bidford-on-Avon. Planning permission was granted on 26 June 2016 (Planning Application No. 14/03027/OUT) and this requires the Developer to make a "Bus Stop Contribution" of £27k for the provision of a bus stop/shelter in the vicinity of the roundabout on Waterloo Road.

3.0 Financial implications

3.1 The delivery of on-street bus stop infrastructure and a Traffic Monitoring Site in Nuneaton and Bidford-on-Avon will be fully funded by an applicable Section 106 developer contribution discharged to the County Council, which has been received. The addition of these schemes to the Capital Programme will not affect the overall level of capital resources available to the County Council.

4.0 Environmental implications

4.1 The National Planning Policy Framework promotes connectivity and integration between new development and sustainable transport. The bus stops and puffin crossing enhance the attractiveness of travelling by sustainable transport. This will contribute towards reducing the number of car trips on the local highway network in accordance with the County Council's aspiration to improve the local environment.

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Lead Member	Cllr Jeff Clarke
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Urgent matter?	Yes or No
Confidential or exempt?	Yes or No
Is the decision contrary to the	Yes or No
budget and policy	
framework?	

List of background papers

NONE.

Members and officers consulted and informed

Portfolio Holder - Councillor Peter Butlin

Corporate Board – Monica Fogarty and Mark Ryder

Legal – Ian Marriott

Finance – Virginia Rennie

Equality – Keira Rounsley

Democratic Services - Paul Williams

Councillors -

Local Member(s): Cllr Daniel Gissane (Galley Common)
Cllr Mike Brain (Bidford & Welford)



Portfolio Holder Decision – April 2020 Developer Funded Scheme Approvals

Portfolio Holder	Deputy Leader (Finance and Property)
Date of decision	27 April 2020
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Decision taken

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- D3948 Falkland Place, Temple Herdewyke. Developer Mulberry Homes. Approximate value £300,000

Reasons for decisions

On 21 May 2019 Council reconfirmed the delegated power to the Leader, or body nominated by them, to approve the addition to the capital programme of projects costing less than £2.0 million, which are fully funded from external grants, developer contributions or from revenue. The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property is that nominated body.

Background information

A46 / A428 Rugby Road, Binley Woods

Highways England are progressing an improvement to the junction of the A46 / A428 at Binley Woods. Whilst the works are predominately on the strategic road network, the works do affect local roads and it is intended that the roundabout circulatory will be de-trunked following

construction of the fly-over. More details of the scheme can be found at https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a46-coventry-junctions-upgrade/. It will be necessary for the Council to enter into Highways Act 1980 s4 and s8 agreements with Highways England to facilitate this.

The Council will undertake the technical review of Highways England's design proposal for the A428 to ensure that their proposals are in accordance with our highway design and maintenance requirements. As new highway assets will be created which will come on to the Council's balance sheet once completed, the costs incurred by the Council in undertaking the technical review need to be treated as capital expenditure. The cost of the technical review will be funded by Highways England under the s4 and s8 agreements.

A426 Rugby Road and B4429 Ashlawn Road, Dunchurch and Rugby

On 25 July 2019 Council gave approval to enter a developer-funded scheme on to the capital programme which comprised five separate highway improvements:

- New roundabout at western site access on Ashlawn Road
- New ghost right turn lane at eastern site access on Ashlawn Road
- Works at the traffic signal junction at Rugby Road / Coventry Road, Dunchurch (the "Dun Cow crossroads")
- Works at the roundabout at Dunchurch Road / Ashlawn Road (the "Cock Robin roundabout")
- New traffic signal junction at Ashlawn Road / Barby Lane.

On 13 September 2019 the Deputy Leader (Finance and Property) gave approval for the procurement and subsequent award of construction contracts in respect of these schemes. This has now been progressed for the first two improvements on the B4429 Ashlawn Road at the western and eastern site accesses. A s278 agreement has been entered into by the Developer in respect of these improvements.

At the time that these schemes were added to the capital programme it was anticipated that there would be one s278 agreement to cover all the improvement locations. However, the Developer, in consultation with the Council, has decided to split the works between up to four agreements and up to four construction contracts. The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property is now requested to approve that the following three highway improvements are added to the capital programme as separate schemes:

- A426 Rugby Road / D3616 The Square, Dunchurch (the "Dun Cow" crossroads)
- A426 Dunchurch Road / B4429 Ashlawn Road, Rugby (the "Cock Robin roundabout")
- B4429 Ashlawn Road / D3394 Barby Road, Rugby

C93 Bishopton Lane (canal bridge traffic signals), Stratford-upon-Avon

On 09 August 2019 the Deputy Leader (Finance and Property) gave approval to enter a developer-funded scheme on to the capital programme and to the procurement and subsequent award of a construction contract in respect of the following highway improvements:

- Southern site access on The Ridgeway
- Roundabout at the central site access
- Northern site access
- Pedestrian improvements including new footway / cycleway, uncontrolled pedestrian crossing facilities and traffic signal controlled pedestrian crossing facilities
- Traffic signals at the canal bridge (prior to 150th occupation)

At the time that these schemes were added to the capital programme it was anticipated that there would be one s278 agreement to cover all the improvement locations. However, the Developer, in consultation with the Council, has decided to split the works between two agreements and two construction contracts. The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property is now requested to approve

that the canal bridge traffic signals highway improvement is added to the capital programme as a separate scheme.

D3948 Falkland Place, Temple Herdewyke

A planning application was submitted to Stratford-on-Avon District Council by Mulberry Homes in respect of a development of 94 dwellings, new community hall, village green and associated infrastructure. Planning permission was granted on 20 July 2016 (ref: 15/03833/OUT). The planning permission requires the construction of a site entrance and a traffic-signal controlled pedestrian crossing. The implementation of controlled crossings is subject to separate statutory notice and consultation procedures and any objections will be reported to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning.

Financial implications

As the new highway assets which are being created through these schemes will come on to the Council's balance sheet once completed, the costs incurred by the Council need to be treated as capital expenditure.

Section 278 schemes are fully funded by developer contributions which are ring-fenced for the schemes 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.

Some preliminary technical review work has already started for each of the named schemes and will continue during 2020/2021. The respective Developers have already committed to funding the technical review work by accepting the Council's fee estimates. The Council's fees for technical review are always collected in advance of the s278 agreement being signed (or s4/s8 agreement in the case of Highways England).

Environmental implications

The environmental impacts of developer-funded highway schemes are considered through the planning approval process to ensure that the developments are consistent with the principles of sustainability

The contractors on the Council's Framework Contract for the Provision of Engineering and Construction Works (WCC 6012) have all demonstrated that they hold a certificate of compliance with BS EN ISO 140001 (or equivalent) or have otherwise satisfactorily demonstrated their policies and arrangements for the management of construction-related environmental issues.

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Urgent matter?	No

Confidential or exempt?	No
Is the decision contrary to the	No
budget and policy	
framework?	

List of background papers

None

Members and officers consulted and informed

Portfolio Holder - Councillor Peter Butlin

Corporate Board - N/A

Legal – Ian Marriott

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Equality – Kiera Rounsley

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Local Member(s):

Cllr Timms – Earl Craven

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Decision Record – Stareton Lane -One way (Proposed No Right Turn Out of Stareton Lane, Stoneleigh)

Lead Member	Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning
Date of decision	17 April 2020
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Decision taken

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Reasons for decisions

The accident rates at the junction of Stareton Lane / B4113 show 7 accidents in the last 3 years. Most of these accidents are due to vehicles exiting the NAEC access and colliding with vehicles travelling northbound on Stoneleigh Lane.

Previously engineering measures have been introduced, however a road safety audit on those measures has highlighted that these have been ineffective in tackling the safety issues at this location.

The scheme will involve construction of bollards, formation of a ghost-right turn into the NAEC, additional road markings and no entry into Stareton Lane by virtue of the proposed one way. (See appendices 1 and 2).

Background information

Historically this location has a collision problem which has led to it being identified as a priority casualty reduction scheme. Key accident data has been gathered which has formalised the

proposed scheme.

The scheme has been supported by local County Councillor Wallace Redford, in response to calls to improve the safety of vehicles travelling in this vicinity as part of their daily commutes as well as regular visitors to the Stoneleigh show ground. The scheme has also received positive feedback from the local community.

Several objections were received. These are highlighted below.

Objections Summarised:

Objection: Speed limit in Stareton Lane should be cut from 50mph to 30mph.

Engineer response: This would go against Warwickshire's criteria for setting speed limits. The police would not support this speed limit as the enforcement of it would be problematic. Therefore, location of Stareton Lane would not be fitting for a 30mph speed limit. The Police have made it very clear that they will not support the introduction of limits which are inappropriate for the road environment, but which would increase enforcement burdens with no significant reduction in speeds.

Objection: Preventing vehicles entering Stareton Lane will not stop accidents occurring at junction.

Engineer response: The accident statistics which have been reviewed and analysed highlight that banning this manoeuvre will reduce collisions occurring at this location as most of these collisions were the result of vehicles turning right out of Stareton Lane. The level of conflict between the entrance of the NAEC show ground and Stareton Lane will be significantly reduced as vehicles will not be crossing directly over the B113 Stoneleigh Road to access one another.

Objection: Proposed one-way system will put pressure on Stonebridge turning right into Coventry Road from Leamington direction.

Engineer response: The proposal for this scheme will remove dangerous manoeuvres from Stoneleigh showground across Stoneleigh Road in to Stareton Lane, which is the manoeuvre the above objectors are carrying out. The Stonebridge turning highlighted to be more likely to have collisions as a result of this scheme would not be accurate. The collision data highlights that there have been no collisions at the Stonebridge junction in the last five years.

Stonebridge vicinity has been highlighted for possible future engineering improvements as part of HS2 funding. This would mean that implementing the Stareton/NAEC scheme with future improvements to Stonebridge crossing, will improve safety for drivers even further within this vicinity.

The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 enables the Council to implement Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) for one or more of a number of reasons. These are set out in Appendix 3

Financial implications

The budget for these works will come from the local County Councillor's delegated budget.

The scheme has been estimated at a cost of £45,235. This has been estimated by The County Highways Team that will be implementing the works

Failure to implement this scheme would have financial implications based on the existing collision data.

Environmental implications

For commuters and other road users, the reduction in collisions which occur at this junction will improve the flow of traffic and prevent delays. This will help economic productivity and reduce frustration in drivers, itself a common cause of collision at this location.

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