

Proposed Decision to be made by the Portfolio Holder for Transport & Planning on or after 18 October 2019

Proposed Puffin Crossing – Croft Road, near Mersdale Drive, Nuneaton

Recommendation

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.

1.0 Key Issues

- 1.1 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.

2.0 Proposed Scheme

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 The proposed site for the Puffin Crossing will be near the junction with Mersdale Drive, opposite Tesco Express. (See appendix).
- 2.3 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.

3.0 Consultation on the Proposal

- 3.1 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.

3.2 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.

4.0 Responses from Statutory Consultees and Warwickshire County Council

4.1 Both Louise Hopkins, Headteacher at Glendale Infant School and Councillor Caroline Phillips fully support the installation of the Puffin Crossing at this location.

4.2 Warwickshire County Council Public health commented - Warwickshire has raised levels of injury and road traffic incidents (PHE Fingertips Data for road traffic injuries). The impact of which, on health can be significant. Puffin crossings can contribute to an integrated pedestrian network and help reduce conflict between traffic and pedestrians, encouraging feelings of pedestrian safety. This may increase walking and cycling which not only has a positive effect on physical and mental wellbeing Public Health Warwickshire, Healthy Travel Choices, 2016 but also contributes to reducing obesity, of which there are raised levels within Warwickshire in school aged children. PHE Fingertips Data for Obesity.

5.0 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.

6.0 Conclusion

- 6.1 The proposed Puffin Crossing will not only benefit parents and pupils who cross to and from school, it will benefit the whole community throughout the day.
- 6.2 Pedestrian surveys have shown that over 604 people cross this road during the day (between 7am and 7pm), of which over 155 are children. Puffin crossings contribute to an integrated pedestrian network and help reduce conflict between traffic and pedestrians, encouraging the feeling of pedestrian safety. These factors are important in the encouragement of walking within a community and the maintenance of a healthy weight environment.
- 6.3 The proposed Puffin Crossing will be constructed in accordance with LTN1/95 Assessment of Pedestrian Crossings, and the design complies with the Design Note 2/95 Design of Pedestrian Crossings, published by the Department for Transport.
- 6.4 It is recommended that the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves the installation of a Puffin Crossing, funded by the School Safety Zones and Routes capital allocation.

Background paper

Background paper– letter of objection

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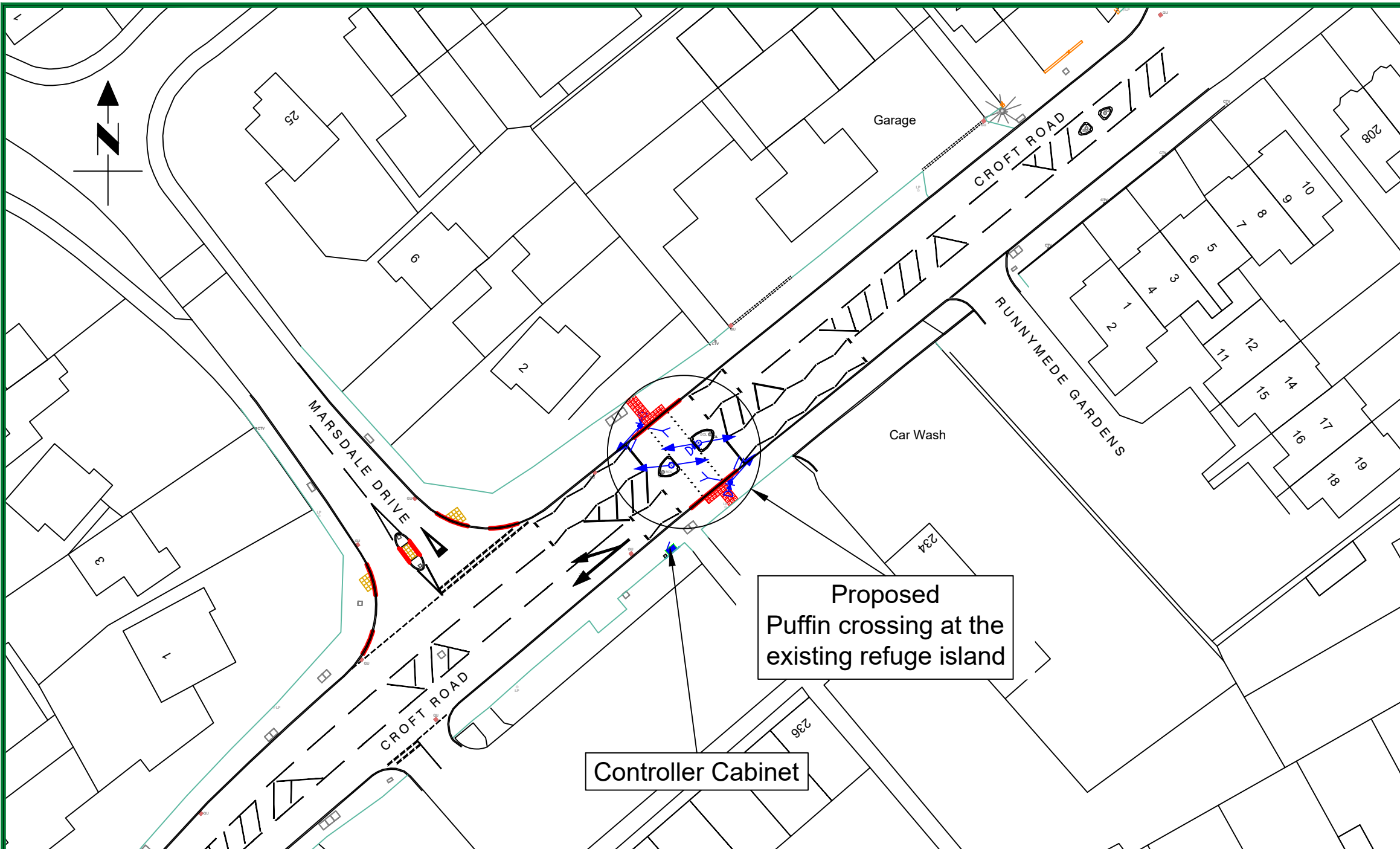
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Councillor Caroline Phillips

Councillor Clare Golby

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NOTES
 All traffic signal equipment and road markings shown are indicative and may be subject to change during detailed design or during installation due to site constraints.

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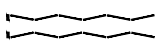



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Key

-  Zig-Zag markings
-  Traffic signal equipment mounted on a 3.3m tall traffic signal pole
-  Red Tactile Paving
-  Traffic Signal Controller (W 73 cm x D 43 cm x H 151 cm) and Feeder Pillar

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