


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

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Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision	Councillor Jeff Clarke Transport & Planning
Date of Decision (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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Checklist

Urgent matter?	N
Confidential or Exempt? (State the category of exempt information)	N
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	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 Members:

Councillor Caroline Phillips

Councillor Clare Golby

Other Members:

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