


## 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