

Portfolio Holder Decision

B4113 Sergeant Simon Valentine Way, Toucan Crossing, Bedworth

Portfolio Holder	Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property
Date of decision	12 April 2024
	Signed

Decision taken

That the Deputy Leader (Finance and Property) approves the addition of the highway improvement scheme at B4113 Sergeant Simon Valentine Way Toucan Crossing, Bedworth to the Capital Programme for 2024/25 at an approximate value of £202,682.

1. Reasons for decision

- 1.1 The constitution of Warwickshire County Council delegates to the Deputy Leader (Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property) authority to approve the addition to the capital programme of projects costing less than £2.0m, which are fully funded from external grants, developer contributions or from revenue.

2. Background information

- 2.1 Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council (NBBC) have engaged Warwickshire County Council (Warwickshire) to lead and deliver a 'green corridor' project in Bedworth Town Centre that forms part of a wider project which NBBC was successful in obtaining funding for from the Levelling Up Fund (Round 1). The details will be subject to legal agreement between Warwickshire County Council and NBBC.

- 2.2 The highway works will introduce a new cycle link crossing from Bedworth Town Centre into Miners Welfare Park. In order to facilitate this a new Toucan Crossing

will be constructed on the B4113 Sergeant Simon Valentine Way as shown on the General Arrangement drawing contained in Appendix A. Existing footways will be widened to accommodate a new shared footway/cycleway as part of the plans.

- 2.3 Warwickshire County Council Engineering Design Services team will lead the design of the scheme and will commission the delivery of the scheme via the Council's Highway Maintenance Contract.
- 2.4 Following completion of the agreed design and layout for the toucan crossing and prior to works commencing, the Chief Constable of Warwickshire Police will be consulted with in accordance with Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and appropriate notice will be given to the public of the proposal to install a new Toucan Crossing on the B4113 Sergeant Simon Valentine Way.
- 2.5 A general plan of the scheme is included with this report at Appendix 1.

3. Financial implications

- 3.1 As the new highway assets which are being created through this scheme will come on to the Council's balance sheet once complete, the costs incurred by the Council are capital expenditure.
- 3.2 The scheme will be funded by Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council using grant funding obtained from the Department for Levelling Up Housing & Communities Levelling Up Fund (round 1).
- 3.3 In order to facilitate the delivery of this scheme a Funding Agreement will be entered into between NBBC and Warwickshire County Council that will facilitate payment for the works on terms and conditions acceptable to the Executive Director for Resources.
- 3.4 .

4. Environmental implications

- 4.1 The schemes facilitate active travel and as such may lead to environmental benefits if modal shift follows. The specific environmental impacts of each scheme will be considered throughout the detailed design phase.
- 4.2 The Contractor appointed to the Warwickshire Highways Maintenance Contract has as part of the procurement of that contract demonstrated that they either hold a certificate of compliance with BS EN ISO 14001 (or equivalent) or have otherwise satisfactorily demonstrated that their policies and arrangements for the management of construction-related environmental issues are acceptable.

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

List of background papers (If applicable)

Appendix 1 General Arrangement Drawing 9.2-B4113-026-002 Design Phase: Engineering Feasibility Design

Members and officers consulted and informed

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Peter Butlin

Corporate Board – Mark Ryder, Executive Director for Communities

Legal – Lucy Adams

Finance – Caroline Jones

Equality – NA

Democratic Services – Helen Barnsley, Amy Bridgewater-Carnall, Nic Conway

Councillors – Warwick, Singh Birdi, Boad, Feeney and W Roberts

Local Member(s):

Councillor Brian Hammersley – Bedworth Central

Councillor Bhagwant Singh Pandher – Bedworth East