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Report Title

Proposed Zebra crossing on Flash Lane, Bramley

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No, but it has been included on the Forward Plan

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

Bramley and Ravenfield

Report Summary

To consider objections and comments received to a proposal to install a zebra crossing on Flash Lane, Bramley

Recommendations

1. That the comments and objections are noted
2. A zebra crossing be installed at a location as shown on drawing No 126/17/TT546 (Appendix 2)
3. Residents are informed of the decision.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 Drawing No 126/17/TT538
Appendix 2 Drawing No 126/17/TT546
Appendix 3 Initial Equalities Screening
Appendix 4 Carbon Impact Assessment

Background Papers

None

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

No

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Proposed Zebra crossing on Flash Lane, Bramley

1. Background

- 1.1 The proposal to install a zebra crossing on Flash Lane, Bramley has been developed as part of the Local Neighbourhoods Road Safety (LNRS) project. It was based on submissions for road safety and traffic management improvements in the Bramley and Ravenfield Ward.
- 1.2 Residents were consulted about a proposal to install a zebra crossing on Flash Lane at the location shown on drawing No 126/17/TT538 attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.3 64 responses were received all of which supported in principle the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Flash Lane, however a number of responses including comments submitted by Bramley Parish, requested that the zebra crossing should be located further to the south.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 Students walking between Wickersley School and Sports College, and the Broadlands estate would not use the zebra crossing in the location originally proposed. Most students walk along Wadsworth Road (the shortest route) and then turn right on Flash Lane walking in a southerly direction.
- 2.2 Concerns were also raised about a number of elderly residents who live on the nearby The Lings sheltered housing estate, who regularly cross Flash Lane to attend events and coffee mornings at Bramley Parish Council's Bill Shafer centre, as well as walking onto shop at Morrisons which can be accessed from Flash Lane via the recreation ground. The location originally proposed would be impractical for these residents, together with the added difficulty crossing the junction of Wadsworth Road.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 3.1 Two alternative locations for the crossing closer to the junction with Wadsworth Road were considered. These are shown on drawing 126/17/TT546 attached as Appendix 2.
- 3.2 Further informal consultations were undertaken regarding the location marked as "1" on Appendix 2, however the following objections were received:-
 - The proposed crossing is too close to a residential property, which would be affected by the flashing belisha beacons.
 - Drivers exiting Wadsworth Road may not see pedestrians on the crossing.
 - Elderly residents from The Lings would have difficulties crossing Wadsworth Road.
 - Pedestrians on the south side of Wadsworth Road may still not use the crossing, when walking to the Broadlands estate.

3.3 A meeting was held with Bramley and Ravenfield Ward members, representatives from Bramley Parish Council and residents to discuss the location of the zebra crossing. However, they all declined to withdraw the objections to the proposed crossing marked as “1”. Subsequently all the attendees expressed a preference for the zebra crossing to be located closer to The Lings.

3.3 A further location marked as “2” on Appendix 2 was also investigated, but this was rejected due to the presence of Statutory Undertakers apparatus in the road surface, and a number of large telecoms cabinets located in the grass verge on the east side of Flash Lane.

3.4 In view of this, it is proposed to install the zebra crossing at the location marked as “3” on drawing No 126/17/TT546 attached as Appendix 2.

4. Consultation on proposal

4.1 The Cabinet member for Transport and Environment has been consulted.

4.2 The outcome of the public consultation was discussed with the Bramley and Ravenfield Ward Members, and they supported the recommendations in this report.

4.3 Residents and Bramley Parish council were consulted by letter and 64 responses were received.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

5.1 If the recommendations are endorsed, the next steps will be to complete detailed design before the end of the current financial year and the installation of the crossing being completed during 2024/25.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications (to be written by the relevant Head of Finance and the Head of Procurement on behalf of s151 Officer)

6.1 The proposed zebra crossing and associated works will be funded from within the approved capital budget, approved by Council on March 1st 2023.

The estimated total cost for the project is £85,000 and is within the available budget.

6.2 If there is a need to engage third party external resource to procure the goods or delivery of the works this must be undertaken in compliance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the Council’s own Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules.

7. Legal Advice and Implications (to be written by Legal Officer on behalf of Assistant Director Legal Services)

7.1 The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 allows the Council to make and vary Traffic Regulation Orders to regulate the movement of vehicular traffic, restrict or prohibit certain classes of vehicle and to improve the amenities of an area.

7.2 The appropriate statutory procedure including consultation had been followed as set out in the body of the report.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 This scheme will be delivered through existing staff resources in the Transportation infrastructure service, within Planning Regeneration and Transportation.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 The proposed zebra crossing will assist in creating a road environment where young people and vulnerable adults feel more comfortable when travelling on foot.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 The provision of a zebra crossing will improve people's perception of safety, thus removing major barriers to people walking. The presence of a crossing can improve a community's health and wellbeing through more active living, resulting in environmental improvements such as less air and noise pollution and safer, healthier neighbourhoods.

10.2 An Equalities Assessment has been completed for this report and is attached at Appendix 3.

11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 A Carbon Impact Assessment has been completed for this report and is attached at Appendix C.

12. Implications for Partners

12.1. The proposal will encourage active travel and improve road safety, which is a common area of concern raised with Councillors engaging on Ward Priorities.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 There is a risk that following implementation further intervention is required to address inappropriate parking migrating further. This would form part of the normal road safety monitoring process and be subject to available funds should any additional work be identified as necessary.

14. Accountable Officers

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Matthew Reynolds, Head of Transportation Infrastructure Service

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	Named Officer	Date
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	Click here to enter a date.
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Named officer	Click here to enter a date.
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