

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Regeneration and Environment
2.	Date:	15 November 2010
3.	Title:	A618 Moorgate Road, Moorgate – Petition requesting a crossing outside Rotherham Hospital
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To report receipt of a 187 signature petition requesting a pedestrian crossing on Moorgate Road outside Rotherham Hospital.

6. Recommendations

Cabinet Member is asked to resolve that:

- i) a new pedestrian crossing survey is undertaken and this be assessed using the Council's pedestrian crossing assessment criteria**
- ii) if the site meets the pedestrian crossing assessment criteria a feasibility study be undertaken into a providing a stand alone controlled pedestrian crossing on Moorgate Road outside Rotherham Hospital**
- iii) the lead petitioner be informed of this decision**

7. Proposals and Details

A 187 signature petition has been received from the National Health Service Retirement Fellowship requesting a pedestrian crossing on Moorgate Road to serve Rotherham Hospital. A copy of the first page of the petition is attached as Appendix A.

A pedestrian crossing assessment was undertaken in this location in 2006 and the criteria for the installation of a controlled pedestrian crossing were met. At this time it was decided that rather than investigate the installation of a stand alone crossing that it should be considered as part of a larger scheme to address issues such as congestion and access to the hospital by the bus service. Due to site constraints and funding issues a larger scheme was not progressed on Moorgate Road. Minor changes were however made to road markings to give more space for vehicles to queue to turn right into the Hospital, together with making Mile Oak Road a one way road.

As the original pedestrian crossing survey was done in 2006 it is recommended that a new survey be undertaken and the site be re-assessed against the Council's pedestrian crossing assessment criteria. Should the site still meet the criteria for provision of a controlled pedestrian crossing it is further recommended that a feasibility study be undertaken into the practicalities of providing a stand alone crossing on Moorgate Road outside of Rotherham Hospital. The provision of a stand alone crossing presents a complex problem as it may well be used by public transport users and school children but may also be used by commuters or visitors parking in the Broom Valley area and walking to the hospital.

8. Finance

The cost to carry out a new pedestrian crossing survey and to undertake the feasibility study into a stand alone crossing would cost approximately £3,000. Funding is available for this from the South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport settlement for 2010-2011.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The Council has received several complaints from residents in the Broom Valley and Moorgate areas about commuter or hospital visitor parking causing access and obstruction problems. There is the risk that the provision of a controlled pedestrian crossing outside of the hospital may make parking in these areas more attractive which could further exacerbate these problems.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The provision of a pedestrian crossing would be in line with objectives set out in the South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Appendix A A copy of the first page of the petition.

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