

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Regeneration and Environment Matters
2.	Date:	6th June 2011
3.	Title:	Proposed pedestrian refuges – Worksop Road, Aston
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To seek Cabinet Member approval to provide a new pedestrian refuge adjacent to the Aston Joint Service Centre and to replace an existing Pelican crossing which no longer meets the criteria with a pedestrian refuge.

6. Recommendations

Cabinet Member is asked to resolve that

- i. Authority be given for the construction of a pedestrian refuge adjacent to the Aston Joint Service Centre as shown on Appendix A**
- ii. That the objectors be informed accordingly**
- iii. Note that the scheme is to be funded by a Developer contribution and from the Local Transport Plan 3 Integrated Transport programme 2011 /12**
- iv. Authority be given for preliminary design and consultations to be undertaken, to replace the existing Pelican crossing with a pedestrian refuge near Wesley Avenue**
- v. Note that the scheme is to be funded from the Local Transport Plan 3 Integrated Transport programme 2011 /12 and savings from the traffic signal maintenance budget**

7. Proposals and Details

Cabinet Member will recall that consideration was previously given to a report, presented by the Senior Engineer, relating to receipt of an objection to the proposed pedestrian refuge on Worksop Road near its junction with Manvers Road. Cabinet Member referred to his visit to this location and drew attention to the narrowness of the footway and potential difficulties for anyone using a wheelchair or pushchair. A further investigation was requested (Minute 91 of 10/11/2011 refers)

Further consideration has been given to an alternative location adjacent to The Beeches, which was previously rejected due to residents' concerns about displaced parking and access an egress to The Beeches. A further investigation has determined that a refuge can be accommodated near here but closer to Eden Grove. This repositioning will mitigate the concerns which were raised about a pedestrian refuge in this location.

It is therefore recommended that a pedestrian refuge should be constructed at the location shown on drawing No 126/17/TT151 in appendix A

Consideration has also been given to the existing Pelican Crossing on Worksop Road near Wesley Avenue. The crossing has been in existence for a number of years and the equipment is near the end of its life, and is in urgent need of replacement.

In accordance with Minute 140 of 26/03/2010, a survey was undertaken which established that the crossing was not frequently used and no longer meets the agreed criteria for a controlled crossing. In view of the reduction in budgets and the urgent need to replace the crossing equipment, it is proposed that the Pelican crossing be removed and replaced by a pedestrian refuge. The costs of this would be met by the savings in the traffic signal maintenance budget

8. Finance

It is estimated that the total works will cost approximately £50,000 with funding being available from the a Developer contribution (£15,000), Local Transport Plan 3 Integrated Transport Authority allocation programme 2011 /12 (£15,000), and savings made from the traffic signal maintenance budget (£20,000).

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Statutory Undertakers apparatus will require investigation and this may affect the overall scheme costs should any apparatus diversions be required.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The proposed scheme is in line with the Councils' main themes of Alive, Safe and Achieving and also accords with the Equalities Policy.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Consultation with the Emergency Services, Ward Members, Parish Council and residential frontages affected by the proposals will be undertaken. Minute No 140 of 16/03/2010. Minute No91 of 10 /01/2011

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