

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development
2.	Date:	14 June 2013
3.	Title:	Proposed Toucan Crossing, Centenary Way
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To inform Cabinet Member of a proposed scheme to install a staggered Toucan Crossing on the A630 Centenary Way near Bailey House and the Rotherham Community Health Centre.

6. Recommendations

Cabinet Member is asked to resolve that

- i. Detailed design and consultation is carried out**
- ii. Subject to no objections being received the scheme be implemented**
- iii. the footways identified on drawing number 126/17/TT175 be designated as shared pedestrian and cycle use under Section 66(4) and 65(1) of the Highways Act 1980.**

7. Proposals and Details

It is proposed to provide a Toucan crossing (for both pedestrians and cyclists) on the A630 Centenary Way, close to Bailey House and the Rotherham Community Health Centre. This would enable the existing subway outside Bailey House to be closed. A level walk way/cycle route would then replace the existing ramped access to the subway.

The proposed crossing would form part of a link to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund funded A633 Rotherham town centre to Parkgate/Rawmarsh cycle route. The Local Sustainable Transport Fund bid was the subject of a report to Cabinet Member on 28 August 2012, Minute 33 refers. The proposed scheme would utilise Rawmarsh Road to link cyclists to this route.

Closing the subway and levelling the footway would also address concerns about personal safety and accessibility for people visiting the Rotherham Community Health Centre and would also improve access to the north of the town centre. The existing subway although well used is dated and not a desirable walking route especially during hours of darkness. Details of this proposal are shown on drawing number 129/17/TT175, a copy of which is attached as Appendix A.

In order to reduce traffic delay the proposed crossings will be linked to both the existing signals on Centenary Way at the junction with Greasbrough Road and the proposed signalised junction with Drummond Street as part of the Tesco development. This will be implemented such that traffic is able to flow through the junctions and crossings without unnecessary delay. The Toucan Crossings will be equipped with both 'On Crossing' and 'Kerbside Detectors' to improve safety and reduce delay.

A proposed new shared use footway will link the proposed crossing with the Rotherham Community Health Centre via the informal parking track at the side of Bailey House, requiring the parking to be removed. It is also proposed to designate the footway in front of Bailey House towards Rawmarsh Road as shared pedestrian/cycle use together with the footway in front of the Trades Club on Greasbrough Road.

8. Finance

The works are estimated to cost £350,000. Funding has been identified from the South Yorkshire Local Sustainable Transport Fund and work is expected to start in the 2013/2014 financial year.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The presence of Statutory Undertaker's equipment may affect the scheme; enquiries regarding services have been made with no response received at the time of this report.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The proposed scheme is in line with the Councils' Corporate Plan objective of 'Improving the environment' through improving road safety, and the perception of safety, and encouraging more people to walk and cycle.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Consultation with the South Yorkshire Police and Ward Members has been undertaken and no adverse comments or objections have been received. Further consultation will be undertaken with the Emergency Services, SYPTE and the Barnsley and Rotherham Chamber.

Appendix A –drawing number 129/17/TT175 showing the layout of the proposed scheme.

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