

**ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> June, 2013</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Proposed accessibility improvements A6021 Broom Road, Rotherham</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Environment and Development Services</b>

**5. Summary**

The report advises the Cabinet Member of the outcome of resident consultations on the proposed accessibility improvements on the A6021 Broom Road.

**6. Recommendations**

**Cabinet Member is asked to resolve that:**

- (i) An enlarged pedestrian refuge be constructed outside the Rudston School and the pedestrian refuge between the hospice and Broom Crescent be constructed, as shown on drawing 126/17/TT232;**
- (ii) Subject to no objections being received during the statutory consultations for the proposed no waiting at any time and, no waiting Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm restrictions, that the restrictions are implemented;**
- (iii) A cycle Lane with coloured surfacing and advisory cycle lane and sheltered parking area as shown on drawing No 126/17/TT122 be approved but construction be deferred until funding is available to introduce this in conjunction with a carriageway resurfacing scheme;**
- (iv) That the petitioners and residents be informed accordingly.**

## 7. Proposals and Details

The A6021 Broom Road is currently part of a busy route between Rotherham town centre and the east of Rotherham and this causes difficulties crossing Broom Road in the vicinity of Rudston School.

Pedestrian usage here does not justify the provision of a controlled crossing, and there is a small pedestrian refuge directly outside the school but this presents difficulties to the crossing patrol warden who, due to the high volumes of traffic on Broom Road, has to cross children from one side of the road to the refuge and then from the refuge to the other side of the road.

To address these issues proposals were initially developed to:

- remove the pedestrian island outside Rudston School, where the school crossing patrol operates, to allow them to cross children over the full width of the road in one go, rather than in two stages as at present.
- improve the other pedestrian island, close to Rudston School, to provide a safe crossing point for when the school crossing patrol is not operating
- narrow the carriageway with build outs and sheltered parking which would reduce vehicles speed
- introduce a wider up hill lane to assist cyclists riding along Broom Road
- put double yellow lines around the junctions of Fraser Road, Broomfield Grove and Broom Crescent with Broom Road to ensure drivers can see out of these junctions
- improve existing bus stops to make them accessible to all
- install a new pedestrian refuge, near to the Rotherham Hospice, to help people cross between bus stops.

These proposals were sent out to residents in April 2012 for consultation. As a result of feedback from residents and Facilities Services who operate the school crossing patrol, the proposals were revised to include:

- the pedestrian island outside Rudston School, will be made larger to accommodate more pedestrians and assist the school crossing patrol.
- introducing an up hill cycle lane with coloured surfacing and sheltered parking on the north side of Broom Road.
- introducing double yellow lines around the junctions of Boswell Street, Broomfield Grove and Broom Crescent with Broom Road to ensure drivers can see out of these junctions

Residents were then consulted on the revised proposals. A summary of these comments together with our responses is attached as Appendix A. In Addition a 21 signature petition objecting to the cycle lane proposal between 15 and 39 Broom Road was also received and is attached as Appendix B.

The cycle lane proposals would involve the removal of extensive sections of the existing central hatched lining, this can have a detrimental effect on the condition of the carriageway. Although Broom Road does not appear on the highways maintenance programme, there are certain sections where the condition is

deteriorating; as such, and because of the scale of the lining changes required, it is considered more appropriate that the cycle scheme improvements and associated lining are promoted in conjunction with a future resurfacing scheme

To address the original concerns of the school crossing patrol about accessibility and pedestrian safety outside Rudston School, it is now proposed to enlarge the existing pedestrian refuge as indicated on drawing No 126/17/TT232. It is also proposed to install a new pedestrian refuge within the existing road markings, near the hospice.

Residents were also concerned that there has been a recent increase in non-residential parking on Broom Road and Wickersley Road around the Hospice and the Broom Lane junction. As part of part of the waiting restrictions to be promoted, it is proposed to promote further no waiting at any time restrictions in this area. This will ensure that obstructive parking close to junctions does not occur and the safe and free flow of traffic can be maintained.

Residents also mentioned that vehicles displaced by the proposed restrictions around the hospice, may migrate to Broom Crescent. Therefore prior to any restrictions being implemented, surveys will be carried out to assess the existing level of parking here. If the restrictions are implemented then further surveys will be undertaken and if necessary residents will be consulted on a residents only parking scheme.

## **8. Finance**

The proposal will cost in the region of £60,000 and will be funded by the Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Block grant for 2013/14.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

The impact of displaced traffic on Broom Crescent is unknown and there maybe insufficient support for residents' only parking here. Objections may also be received to the proposed waiting restrictions during the statutory notice period when the Traffic Regulation Orders are advertised. Parking in this area will continue to be monitored.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

The proposals are in line with objectives set out in the Sheffield City Region Transport Strategy / Local Transport Plan 3; policy S to encourage active travel and develop high quality cycling and walking networks, policy W To encourage safer road use and reduce casualties on our roads, policy Y to focus safety efforts on vulnerable road groups

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

Appendix A – Summary of comments received from residents  
Appendix B - Petition from 37 Broom Road

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