

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Safe and Attractive Neighbourhoods
2.	Date:	29th September 2014
3.	Title:	Wharncliffe Street pedestrian accessibility improvements
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To seek Cabinet Member approval to implement pedestrian accessibility improvements around Wharncliffe Street, it's service road and Eastwood Lane as shown in drawing 126/17/TT305.3 .

6. Recommendations

Cabinet Member is asked to resolve that:

- **Detail design be undertaken on the proposed improvements and the scheme be implemented as shown in drawing 126/17/TT305.3.**

- **Public and Statutory consultation is undertaken on the proposed improvement to Wharncliffe Street and the surrounding area as shown in drawing 126/17/TT305.3. and that subject to no objections being received the proposal be implemented this financial year**

7. Proposals and Details

As part of town centre pedestrian accessibility improvements, and to compliment works currently ongoing as part of the new Tesco supermarket development it is proposed to provide :-

- Additional crossing points for pedestrians together with associated highway works including build-outs around the Eastwood Lane junction and Wharncliffe Street service road.
- Removal of existing pedestrian barrier to assist in the provision of a footway, to link the bus stop on the central island with the footway on Wharncliffe Street service road and Eastwood Lane.
- A pedestrian refuge island on Wharncliffe Street near Percy Street allowing an additional crossing point for pedestrians to be provided between Drummond street car park, the surrounding residential area and the college restaurant, Civic theatre and nearby businesses whilst also enabling easier movement for the public between bus stops.
- Associated footway works will also be required as there is currently a grass verge adjacent the proposed crossing point that will need to be partially removed to allow connection between the existing footway and the proposed island.
- An over run build-out extension of the existing island between A6021 and the service road be constructed to restrict vehicles from turning right out of Eastwood Lane onto Wharncliffe Street, as the banned turn is widely abused.

8. Finance

The scheme is estimated to cost £60,000 and funding is identified from the 2014/2015 Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport block.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Objections to the proposals may be raised during consultation; should unresolvable objections be received these will be reported to Cabinet Member for a decision on how to proceed.

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 W to encourage safer road use and reduce casualties on our roads”,

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Appendix A Plan number 128/17/TT305.3 showing the proposed layout of the scheme on Wharncliffe Street, between The Market and Clifton Hall Car Park.

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