

26th September 2022**Agenda Item:****REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES & PLACE****RESPONSES TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
COUNTY COUNCIL****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to recommend to the Cabinet Member (Transport & Environment) the responses to the issues raised in petitions presented to the County Council at its 07 July 2022 meeting

Information**A. Request for a crossing on Musters Road, Langar (Ref:2022/1)**

2. A 157-signature electronic petition was presented to the 7 July 2022 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Neil Clarke requesting the installation of a signalised pedestrian crossing on Musters Road at the junction with Barnstone Road and Main Road.
3. The County Council receives far more requests for pedestrian crossings (such as puffin or zebra crossings) than it is able to fund. So that the available funding helps the greatest number of people requests for crossings are therefore prioritised based on the number of people crossing, the volume of traffic (and other relevant factors such as accident history at the proposed location). For road safety reasons formal crossings are also currently only installed where they are used by pedestrians throughout the day.
4. A pedestrian and traffic survey will therefore be undertaken to determine whether a crossing at this location could be considered as a priority for future funding. If it is confirmed that a crossing should be prioritised, a study will be carried out to determine the feasibility and estimated cost of installing one. At locations where formal crossings aren't provided, alternative measures are considered to help overcome issues raised. The Council will therefore also carry out an assessment of the site to determine if there are alternative options to a formal crossing that could be considered for inclusion in a future years' highways programme.

5. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

B. Request for a zebra crossing on Landmere Lane, Edwalton (Ref:2022/2)

6. A 372-signature petition was presented to the 7 July 2022 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Jonathan Wheeler requesting a zebra crossing be installed on Landmere Lane, Edwalton, in the vicinity of the recently developed retail area, to assist residents in crossing the road to access the local facilities.
7. The County Council receives far more requests for pedestrian crossings (such as puffin or zebra crossings) than it is able to fund. So that the available funding helps the greatest number of people requests for crossings are therefore prioritised based on the number of people crossing, the volume of traffic (and other relevant factors such as accident history at the proposed location). For road safety reasons formal crossings are also currently only installed where they are used by pedestrians throughout the day.
8. Surveys have indicated that there is sufficient pedestrian activity throughout the day to undertake further investigations into whether it is feasible to deliver a formal pedestrian crossing at this location, and if the location should be prioritised for future funding. At locations where formal crossings aren't provided, alternative measures are also considered to help overcome issues raised. The Council will therefore also carry out an assessment of the site to determine if there are alternative options to a formal crossing that could be considered.
9. It is recommended that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

Link to Nottinghamshire Plan/Annual Delivery Plan

10. Should the proposed actions be approved, they will help deliver the following Nottinghamshire Plan ambitions/delivery plan priorities:
 - *'Helping our people live healthier and more independent lives'* ambition, and specifically the actions to:
 - *'Use our influence to create healthy and sustainable places'*
 - *'Promote good mental health and wellbeing for everyone'*
 - *'Support individuals to improve their health and wellbeing'*
 - *'Making Nottinghamshire somewhere people love to live, work and visit'* ambition; and specifically, the actions to:
 - *'Enhance and boost access to Nottinghamshire's natural environment'*
 - *'Create healthy and sustainable places that promote people's wellbeing'*
 - *'Improving transport and digital connections'* ambition, and specifically the actions to:
 - *'Invest in and improve the condition of the County's roads and pavements'*
 - *'Improve local and regional transport connections to make journeys easier'*
 - *'Support people with transport options that are healthier and more sustainable'*
 - *'Expand walking and cycling networks'*
 - *'Keep our highways safe and reduce congestion'*
 - *'Protecting the environment and reducing our carbon footprint'* ambition, and specifically the actions to:
 - *'Reduce the impact of our work-related travel and transport'*
 - *'Drive use of public transport and other green ways to travel'*
 - *'Reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions'*

- *‘Protect our green spaces from pollution’*

Other Options Considered

11. The options currently being considered are as set out within this report.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

12. The recommendations detailed within this report have been developed to help ensure delivery of the County Council’s ‘Nottinghamshire Plan 2021-31’ priorities, national priorities, and local transport goals and objectives. Recommendations are based on their ability to deliver strategic objectives (including transport objectives), evidence of need (including technical analysis), feasibility, and value for money assessments.

Statutory and Policy Implications

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

14. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from the report.

Consultation

15. Each of the proposed schemes detailed in this report and the attached appendices is still subject to the necessary consultation, statutory undertakings and other issues arising from feasibility studies, detailed scheme investigation, and design; and value for money considerations. This will involve consultation and/or pro-active information provision on most schemes and the level of the public engagement will be determined/dependent on the improvements being considered. For most individual schemes statutory or non-statutory consultation will be undertaken with affected households and businesses only (i.e., households or businesses adjacent to a proposed scheme).
16. Formal consultation will be undertaken on all schemes that require statutory consultation. These include any schemes that require a formal Traffic Regulation Order and include the introduction of (or changes to) parking restrictions, environmental weight limits, changes to mandatory speed limits, and changes that ban traffic movements (e.g., the introduction of a one-way system). Whilst not legally required the County Council also undertakes formal consultation on bus stop clearways.
17. Non-statutory consultation, or information provision (i.e., informing people that works will take place) will also be undertaken with households and businesses immediately adjacent to schemes that fall wholly within the highway boundary such as maintenance schemes, new crossing facilities, or new footways and cycleways.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

18. An equality impact assessment was undertaken on the Nottinghamshire Local Transport Plan 2011/12-2025/26 in March 2011 to ensure that the strategy and its capital programmes to deliver it met the duty. Equality impact assessments will be considered and undertaken as necessary on individual proposals by project managers as part of the scheme feasibility, design, and consultation carried out in the development of any highway improvements to demonstrate that they comply with the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Implications for Residents

19. The implications for residents are set out above in each of the individual responses to the petitions presented to the County Council.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

20. Surveys undertaken with the public and local businesses identified reducing traffic congestion as the highest transport priority for both groups. The County Council also has a statutory obligation to address air quality issues resulting from road traffic on its managed roads (there are currently two air quality management areas on County Council managed roads). Each of the measures contained within this report have therefore been developed to address congestion, its knock-on effects on air quality and its impacts on local communities. The recycling of materials and aggregates is also considered when delivering highways schemes whenever possible.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) The proposed actions be approved, and the lead petitioner be informed accordingly
- 2) The outcome of consideration by the Cabinet Member (Transport & Environment) be reported to Full Council

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Constitutional Comments (SJE – 02/09/2022)

21. The Cabinet Member (Transport & Environment) is the appropriate Cabinet Member to consider these petitions and to report back to Full Council in relation to the same, in accordance with Section 4, Part 2, Paragraph 38 of the Constitution.

Financial Comments (RWK 05/09/2022)

22. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- Bingham West – Councillor Neil Clarke
- West Bridgford South – Councillor Jonathan Wheeler