

## **REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT RESPONSES TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is inform Council of the decisions made by the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment concerning issues raised in petitions presented to the County Council at its 7 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 was agreed 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 was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

### **Other Options Considered**

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

### **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

11. 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**

12. 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**

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

### **Consultation**

14. 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).

15. 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.
16. 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.

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the contents of the report be noted.

**Councillor Neil Clarke MBE**  
**Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment**

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## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

- Responses to Petitions Presented to the Chairman of the County Council – Delegated Decision (Reference 103) by Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment (published)

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

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