

4 March 2021

Agenda Item:13

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE

MAIN ROAD, JACKSDALE – ZEBRA CROSSING

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the next steps on implementation of a proposed new zebra crossing on Main Road, Jacksdale and whether the existing Highway layout is left unchanged.
2. To consider the request for a review of the school zone outside Jacksdale Primary School.

Information

3. Jacksdale is a village in Ashfield located approximately 9 kilometres to the north-west of Hucknall, close to the Derbyshire county boundary. Main Road is an unclassified local distributor road leading from Underwood and running into the centre of Jacksdale where it joins the B606 Selston Road. Main Road is subject to a 30mph speed limit and has a 20mph advisory limit outside Jacksdale Primary and Nursery School, implemented as part of a school safety zone.
4. The section of Main Road in the centre of the village (near to the community centre) is fronted by a mixture of flats, retail premises and private dwellings. There is also a number of community facilities accessed from this section of Main Road such as Jacksdale Primary and Nursery School, Jacksdale Medical Centre, recreational open space and a community centre. A car park, accessed off Main Road, serves these local facilities, the car park is not time-limited and is free to use.
5. Requests have previously been received for a zebra crossing to be installed on Main Road adjacent to the community centre and a scheme included within the Highway Programme for its implementation, subject to satisfactory completion of statutory notices and consideration of objections.
6. The scheme proposed by the County Council is to construct a zebra crossing with controlled zone (zig-zag markings) to the south of the community centre car park. The proposals also included a reduction in length of an existing bus stop clearway marking, adjacent to the proposed crossing and the proposals are detailed on plan H/JAB/2809/100.
7. The proposals were publicly advertised between 29th July and 30th August 2020 and during the consultation period a total of 13 responses were received, including a 179 signatory petition expressing concern about the proposals. The petition was sent in direct response to the active consultation and not submitted as a formal petition through Full Council. One respondent expressed support for the scheme. All responses including the 179 signatory petition are considered to be outstanding objections to the proposals.

8. As a result, a number of alternative proposals have been considered including a modification to the proposals extents of the controlled sown as shown plan H/JAB/2809/100 Rev B to minimise the impact whilst providing a safe controlled crossing point on the desire line for pedestrians and do nothing.
9. The revisions shown on plan H/JAB/2809/100 Rev B include:
 - Reduction of the extent of the zebra crossing controlled zone (zig-zag markings) on the south-eastern side of the crossing from eight zig-zag markings to four, to facilitate loading outside retail premises: and
 - Shrouds for the beacons to minimise the spread of light into the adjacent properties and to minimise the impact on local residents.
10. As part of the consultation for the zebra crossing, a loading bay has been requested adjacent to the proposed controlled zone outside the Café, this would require a Traffic Regulation Order, be subject to further consultation and approval within the highways programme.
11. Objections vary but in essence they relate to the loss of on-street parking and loading facilities for local businesses, that the crossing proposed is in the wrong location or not required, disruption during construction and detriment to life quality due to light pollution from the beacons.
12. All objections received to the original proposed controlled zone are considered outstanding as there is no requirement to consult on the reduced controlled zone proposals. The objections and responses are described in this report however, the alternative option is not to proceed with the zebra crossing, in light of the number of objections received.
13. The consultation has shown that there are varying views on both the requirements for a zebra crossing and location. In response, it is proposed that the zebra crossing is not implemented, and the existing Highway layout left unchanged. Through the consultation process, a review of the school zone outside Jacksdale Primary School was requested so it is proposed that this is undertaken, and further measures considered in a future highways programme.

Other Options Considered

14. Other options considered relate to the length of the controlled zone proposed as described in the responses to the objections, which has been reduced to mitigate the loss of on-street loading opportunity. Alternatively, the proposed zebra crossing could not be implemented and the existing Highway layout in this location left unchanged. In respect of the new request for a review of the school zone near Jacksdale Primary School, a review of this kind could be incorporated into a future year's programme.

Comments from Local Members

15. County Councillor Martin is in support of the revised proposals for the zebra crossing and has requested the introduction of a limited waiting bay adjacent to the crossing. The introduction of a limited waiting bay is being considered for inclusion in the 2021/22 Integrated Transport Measures programme, subject to Member approval and statutory consultation.

Reasons for Recommendations

16. The proposed scheme will facilitate safe and efficient pedestrian movements across Main Road, Jacksdale. However, after consideration of the objections received to the proposals it

is considered that the proposals do not meet the needs of the community and the crossing will not be implemented. A review of the school zone outside Jacksdale Primary School will be undertaken to determine whether any improvements can be made to waiting and stopping restrictions.

Statutory and Policy Implications

17. 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 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.

Crime and Disorder Implications

18. Nottinghamshire Police made no comments during the consultation. No additional crime or disorder implications are envisaged.

Financial Implications

19. If the zebra crossing is implemented the scheme would be funded through the 2020/2021 Integrated Transport Measures capital budget with an estimated cost to implement the work of £30,000.

Human Rights Implications

20. The implementation of the proposals within this report might be considered to have a minimal impact on human rights (such as the right to respect for private and family life and the right to peaceful enjoyment of property, for example). However, the Authority is entitled to affect these rights where it is in accordance with the law and is both necessary and proportionate to do so, in the interests of public safety, to prevent disorder and crime, to protect health, and to protect the rights and freedoms of others. The proposals within this report are considered to be within the scope of such legitimate aims.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

21. As part of the process of making decisions and changing policy, the Council has a duty 'to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not' by thinking about the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share protected characteristics (as defined by equalities legislation) and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share protected characteristics and those who do not.

22. Disability is a protected characteristic and the Council therefore has a duty to make reasonable adjustments to proposals to ensure that disabled people are not treated unfairly.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

23. The proposals aim to help promote sustainable transport choices by providing a formal crossing facility on Main Road.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is **recommended** that:

- 1) The proposed zebra crossing on Main Road, Jacksdale is not implemented, and the existing Highway layout left unchanged.
- 2) A review of the school zone outside Jacksdale Primary School be undertaken.

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Constitutional Comments (SJE – 22/02/2021)

24. This decision falls within the Terms of Reference of the Communities & Place Committee to whom responsibility for the exercise of the Authority's functions relating to the planning, management and maintenance of highways (including traffic management) has been delegated.

Financial Comments (GB 18/02/2021)

24. The estimated cost to implement the works set out in this report totals £30,000. It is proposed that this will be funded from within the 2020/21 Integrated Transport Measures capital budget which totals £8.1m and is already approved as part of the Communities and Place capital programme.

Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- All relevant documents for the proposed scheme are contained within the scheme file which can be found in the Major Projects and Improvements section at Trent Bridge House, Fox Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. This includes an Equality Impact Assessment.

Electoral Division and Member Affected

- Jacksdale ED

Councillor David Martin