

OFFICER DECISION REPORT

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ADDRESSED TO: Group Manager - Highways & Traffic

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team

TITLE OF REPORT: B3116, Wellsway, Keynsham
PROPOSAL: Proposed Zebra Pedestrian Crossing
SCHEME REF No.: 19-011

1. STATEMENT

The delegation to be exercised in this report is contained within **Part 3, Section 4** of the Constitution under the **Delegation of Functions to Officers**, as follows:

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| Section A | The Chief Executive, Strategic Directors, Divisional Directors and Heads of Service have delegated power to take any decision falling within their area of responsibility...." |
| Section B | Without prejudice to the generality of this, Officers are authorised to: serve any notices and make, amend or revoke any orders falling within his/her area of responsibility. |
| Section D9 | An Officer to whom a power, duty or function is delegated may nominate or authorise another Officer to exercise that power, duty or function, provided that Officer reports to or is responsible to the delegator. |

For the purpose of this report, in January 2016, the Divisional Director Environmental Services delegated the power to make, amend or revoke Notices or any Orders to the Group Manager, Highways and Traffic.

2. LEGAL AUTHORITY

This proposal is made in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which under Section 23 enables local highway authorities to establish crossings for pedestrians.

3. BACKGROUND

A number of local residents and Ward Members have contacted the Highways and Transport Group over the last few years, highlighting their road safety concerns for pedestrians crossing the Wellsway, Keynsham, between Manor Road and the footpath to Steel Mills / Dapps Hill, in particular school children and the elderly.

The footway on the eastern side of the Wellsway is not continuous, so pedestrians heading towards Keynsham Town Centre from the Chandag Road / Hurn Lane areas of Keynsham must cross the Wellsway in order to reach Steel Mills / Dapps Hill, and vice-versa. A location plan is shown in Appendix A.

There are other pedestrian routes into Keynsham Town Centre, but this is the most direct and pleasant route for many local residents, and is the only route without steps that also avoids Bath Hill.

The injury records maintained by our Road Safety Team indicate that there has been one recorded accident since January 2015 which involved two vehicles.

4. ISSUES

The Wellsway is not wide enough to introduce a continuous footway along its east side, or to introduce a pedestrian refuge island on the pedestrian desire line. In the circumstances, the introduction of a zebra pedestrian crossing is considered to be the most appropriate and cost-effective measure to assist pedestrian crossing the Wellsway at this location.

The Wellsway is subject to a 20mph speed limit over the length in question. There is some contravention of this speed limit, but it is considered that the introduction of the proposed zebra crossing would help to reduce vehicle speeds.

There is a footpath link between Orwell Drive / Clyde Road and the Wellsway, so it is proposed that the zebra crossing would be introduced to the north of this footway, which would correspond with the pedestrian desire line towards Steel Mills / Dapps Hill.

The proposed zebra crossing would not have an adverse impact on on-street parking provision, as all the residential properties along this length of the Wellsway have relatively large off-street parking facilities. There are also no shops or businesses that would be adversely affected by the introduction of the proposed zebra crossing.

The zebra crossing beacons would be hooded, in order to reduce any residual light pollution.

5. SOURCE OF FINANCE

The proposed zebra crossing is capital funded through the 2019/20 Transport Improvement Programme.

6. CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT

The proposal requires informal consultation with the Police, Ward Members and the Cabinet Members for Transport. If the proposed zebra crossing is to be progressed, a formal Notice will be posted on site, and the proposals will be held on deposit at the One-Stop Shop in Keynsham Library and added to the Council's website.

7. **INFORMAL CONSULTATION FEEDBACK**

Police: I understand from the Officers Decision Report that the proposal is to address road safety concerns raised by local residents and Ward Members highlighting pedestrian safety in the area for crossing the Wellsway between Manor Road and the footpath to Steel Mills/Dapps Hill, with concern being raised regarding school children and the elderly. As shown on the attached plan.

The proposal should meet the aspirations shown in the Officer Decision Report.

Ward Members:

Councillor Hal MacFie:

Councillor Andy Wait: This will be a very popular decision; the people crossing this road will be delighted.

Cabinet Members:

Councillor Neil Butters: Many thanks.

Councillor Joanne Wright: Thank you and please proceed with the plan.

8. **RECOMMENDATION**

That approval is given to progress the public advertisement of the legal Notice that is required to support the introduction of the proposed zebra pedestrian crossing on the Wellsway, Keynsham, as indicated in drawing TCG0034/01.


Signature: 

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As the officer holding the above delegation, I approve the progression of this Order.

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| Signed: |  | Date: | 22 Aug 2019. |
| Group Manager, Highways and Traffic – Kelvin Packer | | | |