Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Corporate Director of Enterprise, Tourism and the Environment

to

Traffic and Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee

on

6th January 2011

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Agenda Item No.

Objections to Notice Proposed Zebra Crossing in Eastwood Road North at Coombes Corner, West of Elmsleigh Drive

Executive Councillor: Councillor Flewitt

A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

For the Traffic and Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee to consider representations to an advertised Notice under the Road Traffic Act 1984, Section 23 and make an appropriate decision.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Traffic and Parking Working Party consider representations to the advertised Notice as detailed in Appendix 1 and consider the following Officer recommendations:
 - 2.1.1 Make the Order without amendments, or
 - 2.1.2 Make the Order with amendments, or
 - 2.1.3 Take no further action
- 2.2 That the Cabinet Committee consider the views of the Traffic and Parking Working Party in respect of the representations and make a decision to proceed with one of the following options:
 - 2.2.1 Make the Order without amendments, or
 - 2.2.2 Make the Order with amendments, or
 - 2.2.3 Take no further action

In the event of either 2.2.1 or 2.2.2 being agreed to authorise the making of the Traffic Regulation Orders as advertised, or amend to reduce the impact, as appropriate.

3. Background

- 3.1 Members agreed to advertise a Notice to introduce a zebra pedestrian crossing at Coombes Corner in Eastwood Old Road, West of Elmsleigh Drive.
- 3.2 Following advertisement of the proposals, eleven representations were received, seven in support of the scheme, one in support pending agreed accommodation works and three objections.
- 3.3 A summary of the representations can be found in Appendix 1 with Officer comments where it may be possible to mitigate the proposals in response to respondee objections.

4. Other Options

4.1 All options are detailed above.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

5.1 To provide a zebra crossing on a pedestrian desire line at a busy location, thereby improving safety for all users of the highway.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities.

The proposals are designed to reduce potential hazards resulting in a safer Southend.

6.2 Financial Implications

None – the project is being funded in full by Olympus KeyMed. Any ongoing maintenance costs will be met via the Council highways maintenance budgets.

6.3 Legal Implications

The formal statutory consultative process has been completed in accordance with the requirements of the legislation.

6.4 People Implications

None

6.5 Property Implications

None

6.6 Consultation

Formal consultation has been undertaken including advertisement of the proposal in the local press and on the street.

7. Background Papers

Report to Traffic & Working Party & Cabinet Committee, dated 9th September 2010 entitled 'Road Safety Scheme, Coombes Corner: Proposed Zebra Pedestrian Crossing, In Eastwood Road North, West of Elmsleigh Drive' DETE10/061

8. Appendices

Appendix 1: Summary of Representations and Officer comments where appropriate.