

Meeting: Traffic Regulation Orders Working Party &
Cabinet Committee

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Classification: Part 1

Key Decision: No

Title of Report: **Request/Petition to install a new zebra crossing on
Royston Avenue**

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report responds to a petition to install a new pedestrian crossing on Royston Avenue near the gates of Temple Sutton Primary School. The conclusion is that this request has reached the minimum criteria for Stage 1 assessment and therefore will now progress to Stage 2, which will require the collection of additional data, including pedestrian and vehicle count assessments before a final decision is made.
- 1.2. This report also highlights the development of the newly formulated Pedestrian Crossing Assessment Implementation Plan which was used when assessing this request and we will seek adoption of this process and overriding Highway Safety Policy via a future cabinet cycle to enable the consistent assessment of future requests of this nature.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1. The proposal for the installation of a new zebra crossing on Royston Avenue near the gates of Temple Sutton Primary School be taken forward to a Stage 2 assessment as it has reached the required criteria of Stage 1 (see notes in Appendix 1)
- 2.2. The Stage 2 assessment will be subject to the approval of a Highways Safety Policy and supporting Pedestrian Crossing Assessment Implementation Plan in a future cabinet cycle.

3. Background

- 3.1. This specific request was received via a submitted petition to council.
- 3.2. The council receives requests for new Pedestrian Crossings from residents, organisations, council members and petitions. The three main objectives of any new crossing should be safety, convenience and accessibility. A crossing that does not improve on all three to some degree is unlikely to be satisfactory, and consideration of these criteria will form an important part of an assessment process. The provision of a new crossing should be targeted at groups who experience most difficulty, but the provision of a crossing alone will not necessarily lead to an improvement in safety. Any crossing should be seen within the wider context of the street in which it sits. The full assessment process for a new crossing will consist of various elements including a site survey, a pedestrian survey, a traffic survey and other relevant factors including crossing difficulty, crossing times and speeds, and road collision data.

4. Reasons for Decisions

- 4.1. After carrying out an assessment of the location at Royston Avenue near the gates of Temple Sutton Primary School. The conclusion is that it meets criteria for progression to Stage 2 assessment.
- 4.2. It is important that there is a fair and consistent assessment for all pedestrian crossing requests and in developing the implementation plan we will have an approved standard process for officers to follow.

5. Other Options

- 5.1. None

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. There are significant capital costs required for the installation of a new zebra crossing (or other appropriate measure), should the Stage 2 process recommend such an action. This would include associated TRO costs.
- 6.2. There are small financial implications (unknown at this time), to progressing this request to Stage 2 as it will require additional surveys (Pedestrian and Vehicle counts) that would be conducted by third party.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1. Traffic Regulation Orders would be required for the installation of any controlled crossing.

8. Policy Context

- 8.1 There was no current specific SCC guidance in place for this work, so based on available DfT guidance, benchmarking and current best practice, the highways team has developed a clear proposal for a way forward.
- 8.2 The future direction is to develop a full suite of guidance to sit under a 'Highways Safety Policy' as supporting implementation plans, which would be delivered under a separate cabinet cycle and would cover this area and others including collision investigation, skid resistance, speed monitoring etc.

9. Carbon Impact

- 9.1. The impacts are unknown at this stage, but a crossing would require the regular start/stop of vehicles and a potential increase in emissions.

10. Equalities

- 10.1. None as any new crossing would benefit all.

11. Consultation

- 11.1. Statutory consultation for the traffic regulation orders to install a Zebra Crossing.

12. Appendices

12.1 Appendix 1: Safety Auditor notes on Pedestrian Crossing Assessment.

Location	Impact on Local Community	Impact on Locality / Businesses	Public Interest	Existing Crossing Opportunity	Vehicle Speeds	Collision History	TOTAL SCORE	Comments
Royston Ave – Near J/w Eastern Av Service Rd	2	0	3	0	0	1	6	<p>During my site visit during the early afternoon it was relatively easy to cross the road in one stage at either of the existing dropped kerb crossing points. That was despite the decreased inter-visibility due to the presence of vehicle parked immediately adjacent the crossing points due to unnecessary gaps in the existing 'No waiting' parking restrictions at the junction, but these have now been remedied.</p> <p>One slight collision involving a cyclist being struck was recorded during 2018 but this was a cyclist riding in the carriageway on Eastern Avenue service road</p> <p>This one meets the required threshold for further investigation due to the potential impact (Benefit) to the local community with improved access to the nearby Temple Sutton Primary school from a large number of properties, and the significant public interest in this location with a suggested Petition from local residents.</p>

13. Report Authorisation

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