

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Corporate of Place
To
**Traffic & Parking Working Party & Cabinet
Committee**
On
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**Petition Requesting Zebra Crossing
Station Road, Thorpe Bay**

Executive Councillor: Councillor Tony Cox
A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise Members of a petition received from 95 residents of Station Road requesting a pedestrian crossing facility be provided.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee:

- a) **Note the petition and thank the residents for taking the time to compile the petition; and agree for officers to;**
- b) **Assess the location and in the event the request meets the agreed criteria, agree to the advertisement of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to provide a pedestrian crossing facility and if no objections are received, confirm the TRO, or;**
- (c) **Assess the location and in the event the request does not meet the agreed criteria, take no further action, and;**
- (d) **Note that any objections to an advertised proposal will be referred back to this meeting for consideration.**

3. Background

3.1 Requests for Pedestrian crossings are assessed periodically to determine;

- The number of pedestrians crossing at or near the requested location,
- The number of vehicles using the road at or near the location,
- Any geographical features which may affect the installation of a pedestrian crossing,

Where the volume of pedestrians and vehicles meet the required threshold and there are no visibility issues such as a bend, trees or other feature, the request is agreed and progressed.

3.2 Due to the resources required to assess each location (at least 2 staff for a 12 hour period), assessments can only be undertaken periodically when the work programme allows.

3.3 The location will be assessed when resources are available which is likely to be March 2017.

4. Other Options

4.1 The recommendation is in accordance with the protocol agreed by Members of the Working Party in January 2016.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

5.1 To reflect the request from residents and in accordance with the agreed protocol.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities

6.1.1 Assessment of sites where a crossing is requested ensures facilities are provided at locations where a benefit to road users will be achieved. The recommendation meets the objectives of the Local Transport and Implementation Plan and the Council's aims of being a Safe Southend.

6.2 Financial Implications

6.2.1 Assessment of each location requires the continuous observation of pedestrian and vehicle movements for a 12 hour period, usually between 7am and 7pm. The resources required to assess this request can be allocated when the work programme allows without financial implications outside of agreed budgets.

6.3 Legal Implications

6.3.1 Statutory consultation will be undertaken if the location meets the required pedestrian and vehicle volumes.

6.4 People Implications

6.4.1 Any works will be undertaken with existing resources.

6.5 Property Implications

6.5.1 None.

6.6 *Consultation*

6.6.1 Statutory consultation will be undertaken if the location meets the required pedestrian and vehicle volumes.

6.7 *Equalities and Diversity Implications*

6.7.1 Pedestrian crossing facilities are designed to improve the opportunity for pedestrians to cross a road and can offer greater benefit to those pedestrians with mobility difficulties. The objectives of managing improving safety takes account of all users of the public highway including those with disabilities.

6.8 *Risk Assessment*

6.8.1 The assessment of locations for suitability for the provision of pedestrian crossings includes any risks to safety.

6.9 *Value for Money*

6.9.1 Any schemes designed to improve safety are subject to a cost benefit analysis to determine if the cost of the works is balanced with benefits to be achieved.

6.10 *Community Safety Implications*

6.10.1 Pedestrian crossing facilities are designed to improve community safety.

6.11 *Environmental Impact*

6.11.1 Pedestrian crossing facilities require as a minimum, illuminated beacons, tactile paving and road markings. The environmental impact of these features on an urban street is minimised as far as practical.

7. Background Papers

7.1 None

8. Appendices

8.1 None