



Title: **Dartmouth Road, Paignton – Pedestrian crossing at ‘Waterside’**

Public Agenda Item: **Yes**

Reason for Report to be Exempt:

Wards Affected: **Goodrington with Roselands**

To: **Transport Working Party** On: **25th October 2012**

Key Decision: **No** How soon does the **November** decision need to be **2012** implemented

Change to Budget: **No** Change to Policy Framework: **No**

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1. What we are trying to achieve and the impact on our customers

- 1.1 A 619 signature petition was presented to the 10th September 2010 meeting of the Transportation Working Party, requesting that the authority replace the existing zebra pedestrian crossing situated on Dartmouth Road, close to the junction of Knapp Park Road, with a puffin crossing.

The Service Manager Street Scene Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation reviewed the petition and supporting information presented to them at the above mentioned meeting and made a delegated decision (No 5/2010 attached as **Appendix 1**) to:

‘Carry out a design to provide a puffin crossing at the Waterside Inn and consult on the detailed proposal with residents and businesses.’

- 1.2 Following the meeting of the Transport Working Party on 10th May 2012 and the consideration of the 2012/2013 Road Safety Initiatives Report, Highways officers were asked by members to construct the revised crossing, which will be funded from the 2012/2013 capital programme.
- 1.3 This report outlines the feedback received from the formal notice.

2. Recommendation(s) for decision

2.1 It is recommended that members approve option 1 to:

- Implement as advertised the construction of a Puffin Crossing on the Dartmouth Road, as detailed in **Appendix 2**.

3. Key points and reasons for recommendations

3.1 Highways wrote to local residents and businesses on 7th September 2012 informing them of the Transport Working Party's decision to progress the scheme and advising that the implementation of the Puffin crossing would shortly be advertised, as required under section 23 (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. A copy of the indicative scheme plan was printed on the reverse of this letter (attached as **Appendix 2**).

3.2 The advert was placed both on site and in the Herald Express (13th September 2012) asking for comments and copies of correspondence received are attached as **Appendix 3**.

3.3 Implementing the proposed 'Puffin' crossing will improve facilities for the blind and partially sighted, especially during the busy summer months, however this will result in the loss of four car parking spaces.

For more detailed information on this proposal please refer to the supporting information attached.

**Patrick Carney
Service Manager – Street Scene Services**

Supporting information

A1. Introduction and history

- A1.1 A 619 signature petition was presented to the 10th September 2010 meeting of the Transportation Working Party, requesting that the authority upgrade the existing zebra pedestrian crossing situated on Dartmouth Road, close to the junction of Knapp Park Road, to a puffin crossing.

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A detailed explanation as to why the current location can not be used for the upgraded pedestrian crossing facility is provided in the information section of the dedicated decision.

A letter of consultation was distributed to local businesses, residents and other stakeholders in March 2011 and which included a plan of the proposals on the reverse. The proposed lay-out would have a net loss of 4 no. parking spaces fronting the shops.

Comments were requested and those received, both in favour and against, were reported to the meeting of the Transportation Working Party which took place on 11th June 2012.

After due consideration members decided to progress the scheme to detailed design stage and prepare an estimate of costs. It was however noted that no funding currently existed for the scheme, as the only funding available for pedestrian crossings comes from the Local Transport Plan capital allocation for road safety initiatives.

Following the meeting of the Transport Working Party on 10th May 2012 and the consideration of the 2012 / 2013 Road Safety Initiatives Report, Highways officers were asked by members to construct the revised and upgraded crossing, which will be funded from the 2012 / 2013 capital programme.

Highway officers wrote a letter to local residents and businesses on 7th September 2012 informing them of the Transport Working Party’s decision to progress the scheme and advising that the implementation of the Puffin crossing would shortly be advertised in the local media (Herald Express), as required under section 23 (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. A copy of the indicative scheme plan was printed on the reverse of this letter (attached as **Appendix 2**).

The advert was placed both on site and in the Herald Express (13th September 2012) asking for comments, both in favour or against the scheme, to be registered with Highways on or before Friday 12th October 2012.

A page was created on the Council’s website (see link below) which includes full

details of the scheme, delegated decision, copies of letters and drawings. A press release was also issued.

www.torbay.gov.uk/watersidedartmouthroad.htm

Copies of correspondence received are attached as **Appendix 3**.

Should approval be forthcoming, amendments to the existing parking restrictions will also be advertised within the next two months and implemented should no objections be forthcoming. Any objections will be reported to members at a future meeting of the Transport Working Party.

A2. Risk assessment of preferred option

A2.1 Outline of significant key risks

A2.1.1 Implementing the proposed 'Puffin' crossing will improve facilities for the blind and partially sighted and benefit disabled users, especially during the busy summer months, however this will result in the loss of four car parking spaces. This may well impact upon trade for the local businesses, especially those who rely on passing traffic and a regular turn over of parked vehicles.

A2.2 Remaining risks

A2.2.1 None

A3. Other Options

The following options have been considered.

Option 1

- Implement as advertised the construction of a Puffin Crossing on the Dartmouth Road, as detailed in **Appendix 2**.

Option 2

- Do not implement as advertised the construction of a Puffin Crossing on the Dartmouth Road, as detailed in **Appendix 2**.

A4. Summary of resource implications

A4.1 Construction of the 'Puffin' crossing and implementation of the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders will be carried out by the Street Scene & Place Group. Enforcement of the waiting restrictions will be provided by staff from within the Residents & Visitor Services Business Unit. The scheme is funded by the Local Transport Plan capital allocation for road safety initiatives.

A5. What impact will there be on equalities, environmental sustainability and crime and disorder?

A5.1 The facilities will improve access to key services for the disabled, blind and partially sighted.

A6. Consultation and Customer Focus

A6.1 Consultation with Council Ward Members, local businesses and residents, has been undertaken. The proposed 'Puffin' crossing was advertised, both on site and in the local media, during the period 13th September – 12th October 2012 and correspondence received is attached as **Appendix 3**.

A7. Are there any implications for other Business Units?

A7.1 None.

Appendices

Appendix 1 Delegated decision (No 5/2010).

Appendix 2 Copy of the scheme plan.

Appendix 3 Copy of the letters of objection / support.

Documents available in members' rooms

None.

Background Papers:

None.