

TORBAY COUNCIL – ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

DELEGATED DECISION – No. 5/2010

Petitions Relating to Highways

Decision

The Service Manager Highways Management, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation has reviewed the petition and supporting information presented to them at the Transportation Working Party of the 10th September 2010. The decision made is as follows:-

- (1) Petition requesting the Council to install a controlled safe pedestrian crossing on Dartmouth Road.
- (2) Petition requesting the Council to upgrade the crossing on Dartmouth Road to a controlled crossing by moving it to the Waterside Inn.

The Council will not replace the existing zebra crossing with a puffin crossing at the current location. The Council will carry out a design to provide a puffin crossing at the Waterside Inn and will consult on the detailed proposal with residents and businesses. An application for funding will be submitted for the 2011/12 financial year to fund the scheme.

Reason for Decision

The petition and supporting information was referred to the Service Manager (Highways Management) for decision, in consultation with the Cabinet Member. The decision was made after consideration of the issues set out in the petitions.

Information

The collision data for the area has been reviewed, which shows that there have been no injury collisions relating to the crossing occurring in the last three years.

The zebra crossing is situated close to Knapp Park Road junction adjacent to the entrance and exit to a garage. Local Transport Note 2/95 states that crossings should be located away from conflict points at uncontrolled junctions. This will give drivers an adequate opportunity to appreciate the existence of a crossing and to brake safely. A minimum distance between the junction and the crossing is suggested as 20m for a puffin crossing and an absolute minimum of 5m for a zebra. Currently the crossing is approximately 13m from the junction. It is felt that altering the junction in the existing position from a zebra crossing to a puffin crossing would provide a crossing that is less safe for the community as a whole.

To provide a puffin crossing in the area would require the existing location to be moved to outside the Waterside Inn. Whilst there are concerns this would effect parking or not be at the most convenient location, the second petition has been considered to show that the community would support the new location. The first stage of consultation will, therefore, not be required. Consultation will need to be carried out on the detailed design with local residents and businesses. The petition organiser will be notified in advance of the consultation.

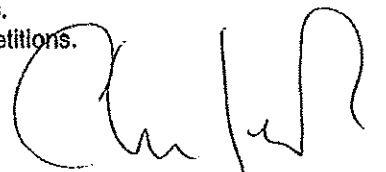
Currently, no funding exists for such a scheme. Therefore an application for funding is required to gain the necessary funding. This will be submitted for the 2011/12 financial year which is the earliest opportunity that funding can be made available.

Alternative options considered at the time of the decision

- Proceed with the requests made in the petitions.
- Not to proceed with the requests made in the petitions.



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In consultation with Councillor Chris Lewis
Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation

11th October 2010