

Report to the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation)

Date: 02 September 2014

Subject: Queensway/Wellington Street, Morley South – Proposed Zebra Crossing

Capital Scheme Number: 32137 / 000 / 000

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Morley South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

- 1 This report seeks approval to incur expenditure and undertake the detail design and implementation of a zebra crossing at the location of Queensway near to its junction with Wellington Street, Morley.

Recommendations

- 2 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to:
 - i) note the contents of this report;
 - ii) approve the detailed design and implementation of a scheme to introduce a zebra crossing at the location of Queensway near its junction with Wellington Street, as shown on the attached drawing number TMW/26.3/1974.02
 - iii) give authority to incur expenditure of £22,000 comprising £15,000 works costs and, £7,000 staff costs funded from the LTP Transport Policy Capital Programme;

- iv) give authority to display a notice on site under the provisions of Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in order to inform the public of the proposed zebra crossing; and

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the detailed design and implementation of a scheme to introduce a zebra crossing facility at the location of Queensway, Morley.

2 Background information

- 2.1 The Council received a request for a formal crossing facility at the location of Queensway/ Wellington Street, where currently, there is a build-out with informal crossing points.
- 2.2 There is an high number of pedestrians crossing at this location throughout the day. A contributory factor is the presence of the leisure centre, a park, a supermarket and other local amenities within the vicinity. Vehicular movement are high due to access to off street parking facilities and the pedestrianised high street.
- 2.3 Following a pedestrian crossing survey, the results were included in the Pedestrian Crossing Review 2014. The associated report approved on 18 March 2014 recommended introducing a zebra crossing at this location.
- 2.4 It was envisage that a humped zebra crossing would meet the criteria for this particular location, however following a recent speed survey which was carried out on the 07 August 2014. The survey revealed an average speed of 23.4mph. Thus dismissing the idea for a humped zebra crossing facility.

3 Main issues

3.1 Design Proposals and Full Scheme Description.

- 3.1.1 It is proposed to introduce a zebra crossing at the same location as the existing informal crossing point.
- 3.1.2 Some minor footway improvements works will be required to the surrounding area along with some improvement works to the existing drainage system to incorporate the new crossing.
- 3.1.3 The existing build-out will be the position of the proposed zebra crossing. There are existing parking facilities between the build-out and the new zig zag markings, it is proposed that this area will be hatched to prevent parking in that area and so increase visibility for pedestrian.
- 3.1.4 It is envisaged that the works will be carried out within the 2014/2015 financial.
- 3.1.5 The proposals are shown on drawing number TMW/26.3/1974-02.
- 3.1.6 The objective of this proposal is to make it safer for pedestrians to cross Queensway on their way to and from local amenities.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 Ward Members: Morley South Ward Members were consulted by email on the 26 March 2014. Replies have been received by all of them who are all fully supportive the proposal.
- 4.1.2 Emergency Services and Metro (WYPTE): The Emergency Services and Metro were consulted by email on the 26 March 2014. The Police had no objections. The other emergency services and metro had no objections.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

An Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration Screening (Appendix 1) has been carried out on the proposals and has determined that an impact assessment is not required for the approvals requested. The Pedestrian Crossing Review was also referred to as part of the equality process.

The screening process identified the following positive impacts:

- The crossing will provide a safe crossing point enabling all pedestrians to safely cross a busy road which will be of particular benefit for people with mobility issue; the elderly; carers supporting wheelchairs or pushchairs and parents with young children.
- This crossing facilitates the safe movement of pedestrians going to the local amenities including the leisure centre and the shopping precinct
- The crossing will include tactile paving and dropped kerbs which will alert people who are visually impaired, that they are approaching a road crossing point.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 Environment Policy: The proposals contained in this report are in accordance with Aims 6 and 7 of the Policy in that the proposals will aid to “reduce the impact of traffic in the city by changes to the road system” and “develop a safe, healthy local environment which provides the best quality of life for Leeds residents.
- 4.3.2 The proposal contributes to the policies in the West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan 2011-26 (Chapter 4, Strategy – p67), as follows: Proposal 18. Improve safety and security, seeking to minimise transport casualties.

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.1 The cost of design and implementation will be £22,000, consisting of £15,000 works costs and £7,000 staff design fees, funded from the LTP Transport Policy Capital Programme.

Capital Funding and Cash Flow

Funding Approval :		Capital Section Reference Number :-						
Previous total Authority to Spend on this scheme	TOTAL £000's	TO MARCH 2013 £000's	FORECAST					
			2013/14 £000's	2014/15 £000's	2015/16 £000's	2016/17 £000's	2017 on £000's	
LAND (1)	0.0							
CONSTRUCTION (3)	0.0							
FURN & EQPT (5)	0.0							
DESIGN FEES (6)	0.0							
OTHER COSTS (7)	0.0							
TOTALS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Authority to Spend required for this Approval		TOTAL £000's	TO MARCH 2013 £000's	FORECAST				
				2013/14 £000's	2014/15 £000's	2015/16 £000's	2016/17 £000's	2017 on £000's
LAND (1)	0.0							
CONSTRUCTION (3)	15.0			15.0				
FURN & EQPT (5)	0.0							
DESIGN FEES (6)	7.0			7.0				
OTHER COSTS (7)	0.0							
TOTALS	22.0	0.0		22.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Total overall Funding (As per latest Capital Programme)		TOTAL £000's	TO MARCH 2013 £000's	FORECAST				
				2013/14 £000's	2014/15 £000's	2015/16 £000's	2016/17 £000's	2017 on £000's
Government Grant - LTP / TSG	22.0			22.0				
Total Funding	22.0	0.0	0.0	22.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Balance / Shortfall =	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

Parent Scheme Number: 99609

Title : LTP Transport Policy Capital Programme

4.4.2 **Revenue cost implications:** There are no future revenue cost implications.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 The report is not eligible for call in as the proposal falls below the relevant threshold.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 There are no risk issues, over and above those expected when working in the public highway, generated by the proposals contained within this report.

5 Recommendations

5.1 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to:

- i) note the contents of this report;
- ii) approve, subject to public consultation, the detailed design and implementation of a scheme to introduce a zebra crossing at the location of Queensway/ Wellington Street as shown on drawing number TMW/26.3/1974-02.

- iii) give authority to incur expenditure of £22,000 comprising £15,000 works costs and £7,000 staff design fees, funded from the LTP Transport Policy Capital Programme;
- iv) authorise the City Solicitor give authority to publish a Section 23 Notice under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to inform the public of the proposals; and

6 Background documents¹

6.1 None

Appendix 1:

Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration Screening

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provides a record of both the **process** and **decision**. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions. Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.
- whether or not equality, diversity, cohesion and integration is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an impact assessment.

Directorate: City Development	Service area: Traffic Management, Highways & Transportation
Lead person: Peter Walwyn	Contact number: 0113 2475620

1. Title: Queensway/ Wellington Street, Morley South – Zebra Crossing		
Is this a:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Strategy / Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Service / Function	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
If other, please specify: Road Safety Scheme		

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening
To provide an new hump zebra crossing within the vicinity of an shopping precinct, leisure centre and supermarket in Morley.

3. Relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration		
All the council’s strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – city wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.		
The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.		
When considering these questions think about age, carers, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation and any other relevant characteristics (for example socio-economic status, social class, income, unemployment, residential location or family background and education or skills levels).		
Questions	Yes	No
Is there an existing or likely differential impact for the different equality characteristics?		
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns about the		

policy or proposal?		
Could the proposal affect how our services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?		
Could the proposal affect our workforce or employment practices?		
Does the proposal involve or will it have an impact on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminating unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment • Advancing equality of opportunity • Fostering good relations 		

If you have answered **no** to the questions above please complete **sections 6 and 7**

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above and;

- Believe you have already considered the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 4**.
- Are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 5**.

<p>4. Considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration</p>
<p>If you can demonstrate you have considered how your proposals impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you have carried out an impact assessment.</p>
<p>Please provide specific details for all three areas below (use the prompts for guidance).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How have you considered equality, diversity, cohesion and integration? (think about the scope of the proposal, who is likely to be affected, equality related information, gaps in information and plans to address, consultation and engagement activities (taken place or planned) with those likely to be affected) <p>Consultation has taken place with Ward Members, the emergency services and metro and no objections have been received.</p> <p>If approval is given a Notice will be posted on site notifying the public of the Councils intention to provide a zebra pedestrian crossing.</p> <p>A road safety audit has been carried out on the proposed scheme and comments provided have been taken into consideration. Further safety audits will be carried out as the scheme progresses.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key findings <p>(think about any potential positive and negative impact on different equality characteristics, potential to promote strong and positive relationships between groups, potential to bring groups/communities into increased contact with each other, perception that the proposal could benefit one group at the expense of another)</p> <p>Positive Impacts:</p> <p>The scheme includes dropped kerbs and tactile paving at crossing points; these assist those with mobility issues by providing a level surface without steps, and assist those with sight issues by identifying a safe place to cross. These measures also benefit carers</p>

supporting wheelchairs and pushchairs; people who are visually impaired, and disabled people.

Negative: The introduction of humped zebra crossing along a route used by buses could have an adverse effect on the ride comfort of passengers.

• **Actions**
(think about how you will promote positive impact and remove/ reduce negative impact)

5. If you are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you will need to carry out an impact assessment.

Date to scope and plan your impact assessment:	N/A
Date to complete your impact assessment	N/A
Lead person for your impact assessment (Include name and job title)	N/A

6. Governance, ownership and approval
Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening

Name	Job title	Date
Nicholas Hunt	Principle Traffic Engineer	26/06/2014

7. Publishing
This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given. If you are not carrying out an independent impact assessment the screening document will need to be published.

Please send a copy to the Equality Team for publishing

Date screening completed	26/06/2014
Date sent to Equality Team	
Date published (To be completed by the Equality Team)	