

Report of the Strategic Director of Regeneration to the meeting of Keighley Area Committee to be held on 18 August 2016

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Subject:

LAWKHOLME LANE, KEIGHLEY

Summary statement:

This report details the results of monitoring of the impact of the provision of a School Crossing Patrol on Lawkholme Lane, Keighley.

Recommendation:

That the content of this report be noted.

Ward: 15 Keighley Central

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:
Environment and Waste Management



1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 At its meeting on 25 June 2015, the Keighley Area Committee resolved the following:

That the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture, be requested to monitor the impact of the provision of a School Crossing Patrol on Lawkholme Lane and provide a future report to Members in six months time.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Road Safety improvements have previously been made on Lawkholme Lane, Keighley in the vicinity of Eastwood Primary School. Over ten years ago, traffic calming was installed in the form of speed cushions. In June 2010 a Speed Limit Order was introduced to reduce the speed limit from 30mph to 20 mph.
- 2.2 In the five year period (June 2011 – June 2016 inclusive) there has been 1 road injury on Lawkholme Lane within 100m of the junction with Victoria Avenue. This collision took place at 5:45pm and was not a school related incident.
- 2.3 The Council's School Crossing Patrol Co-Ordinator undertook a site survey in February 2015 and the results showed that Lawkholme Lane met the criteria for a School Crossing Patrol. The position was advertised, and a School Crossing Patrol Officer was employed and operating from September 2015.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 School Patrol warning signs have been erected at two locations on Lawkholme Lane, in advance of where the School Crossing Patrol is operating, which is at the junction of East Avenue and Victoria Avenue. This is shown on the plan, attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

3.2 MONITORING

An Engineer has visited Lawkholme Lane on several occasions following the introduction of the School Crossing Patrol Officer, and this, along with the other measures, appears to have had a positive effect on vehicle speeds.

By waiting for a significant gap in the traffic flow, the School Crossing Patrol Officer attempts to keep vehicle queues to a minimum, thereby reducing instances of congestion and potential driver frustration. Parents and children are fully aware that they have to wait until the School Crossing Patrol Officer tells them they can cross.



Even upper school children are using the School Crossing Patrol Officer to cross this road, emphasizes its usefulness. They also know her because she is local, and this seems to help as well.

This site will be monitored on a regular basis, to ensure that it continues to provide a safe and controlled crossing facility for school children and their parents

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

There are no financial issues arising.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

There are no significant risks arising.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

There are no legal issues arising.

7.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

There are no issues arising from the Council's Equality & Diversity Strategy.

There are no issues arising from the Initial Equality Impact Assessment.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Improvements to road safety conditions often encourage a shift to sustainable transport modes.



7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

There is no impact on the Council's own and the wider District's carbon footprint and emissions from other greenhouse gases arising from this report.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

Effective prioritisation of resources to maximise casualty reduction will be beneficial to community safety.

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

None.

7.6 TRADE UNION

None.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

None.

8.0 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

The development and implementation of schemes included in this report support priorities within the Keighley Area Committee Ward Plans 2016-17.

9.0 NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

10. OPTIONS

None.

11. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the content of this report be noted.



12. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Plan of Lawkholme Lane showing the School Patrol Warning Signs.

13. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 13.1 Committee resolution arising from the Keighley Area Committee meeting of 25 June 2015.
- 13.2 Report considering a petition, requesting the introduction of a pedestrian crossing on Lawkholme Lane, near it's junction with East Avenue and Victoria Avenue near Eastwood Primary School at the Keighley Area Committee meeting of 25 June 2015.



