

Report of the Strategic Director Place to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 24 January 2018

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Subject:

HORTON GRANGE ROAD, BRADFORD - PETITION

Summary statement:

This report considers a petition requesting the conversion of an existing zebra crossing on Horton Grange Road, Bradford to a puffin crossing.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Environment and Waste Management

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 This report considers a petition requesting the conversion of an existing zebra crossing on Horton Grange Road, Bradford to a puffin crossing.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Background information is given in Appendix 1

3.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Local ward members have been consulted. Any comments received will be reported verbally to this meeting.

4.0 FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 Any recommendations for the future promotion of schemes would be subject to the allocation of an appropriate level of funding from the Safer Roads budget.

5.0 RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

5.1 The conversion of just one of the two existing zebra crossings on Horton Grange Road to a signalised facility would result in an inconsistency in crossing formats within a short distance on the same route. This may result in a risk of an increased casualty rate on the non-signalised crossing.

6.0 LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.1 There are no Legal implications associated with the officer recommendations

7.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Due regard has been given to Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 when investigating this matter.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no sustainability implications arising from this report.

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

Details of recorded collisions are provided in Appendix 1.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

None

7.6 TRADE UNION

None

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Ward members have been consulted on the petition.

7.8 AREA COMMITTEE WARD PLAN IMPLICATIONS

None

8.0 NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9.0 OPTIONS

9.1 Members may propose alternative recommendations on which they will receive appropriate officer advice.

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the request for the conversion of the existing zebra crossing on Horton Grange Road (at its junction with Spencer Road) to a puffin crossing be added to the list of requests for traffic management measures to be considered as and when future Bradford West Safer Roads schemes programmes are determined.

10.2 That a similar item for the zebra crossing Horton Grange Road at its junction with Stratford Road be added to the list.

10.2 That the existing proposed measures to improve visibility of the two existing zebra crossings on Horton Grange Road be implemented as approved.

10.3 That the petitioners are informed accordingly.

11.0 APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1 – Horton Grange Road, Bradford – Petition background information, cover sheet and location plan.

12.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 None.

Petition – Horton Grange Road, Bradford (360 signatures)

Background information

1. The petitioners have requested the conversion of an existing zebra crossing on Horton Grange Road to a puffin* crossing facility. A copy of the petition cover sheet is included within this appendix.
2. Horton Grange Road is a busy route that forms part of the outer ring road and provides a link between Great Horton Road and Legrams Lane. It is subject to a 30mph speed limit and is also a fixed Safety Camera site.
3. There are two existing zebra crossings on Horton Grange Road, at its junctions with Spencer Road and Stratford Road.
4. As part of the 2017/18 Safer Roads schemes programme, funding has been allocated to improve the visibility of the two existing crossings on Horton Grange Road. The proposed works include the replacement of existing beacons with high-visibility LED units and refurbishment of existing sign poles and white lining.
5. There have been 2 recorded collisions resulting in injuries to pedestrians at the Horton Grange Road/Spencer Road crossing in the last 5 years.
6. The conversion of just one of the existing zebra crossings to a signalised facility would not be recommended on safety grounds. This is on the basis that there would be two different formats of crossing in close proximity, and thus a conflict of control methods. Motorists who observed a signalised crossing point may then be less aware of an un-signalised crossing point within a short distance.

* The petitioners have requested a pelican crossing but these have now generally been replaced with puffin crossings.

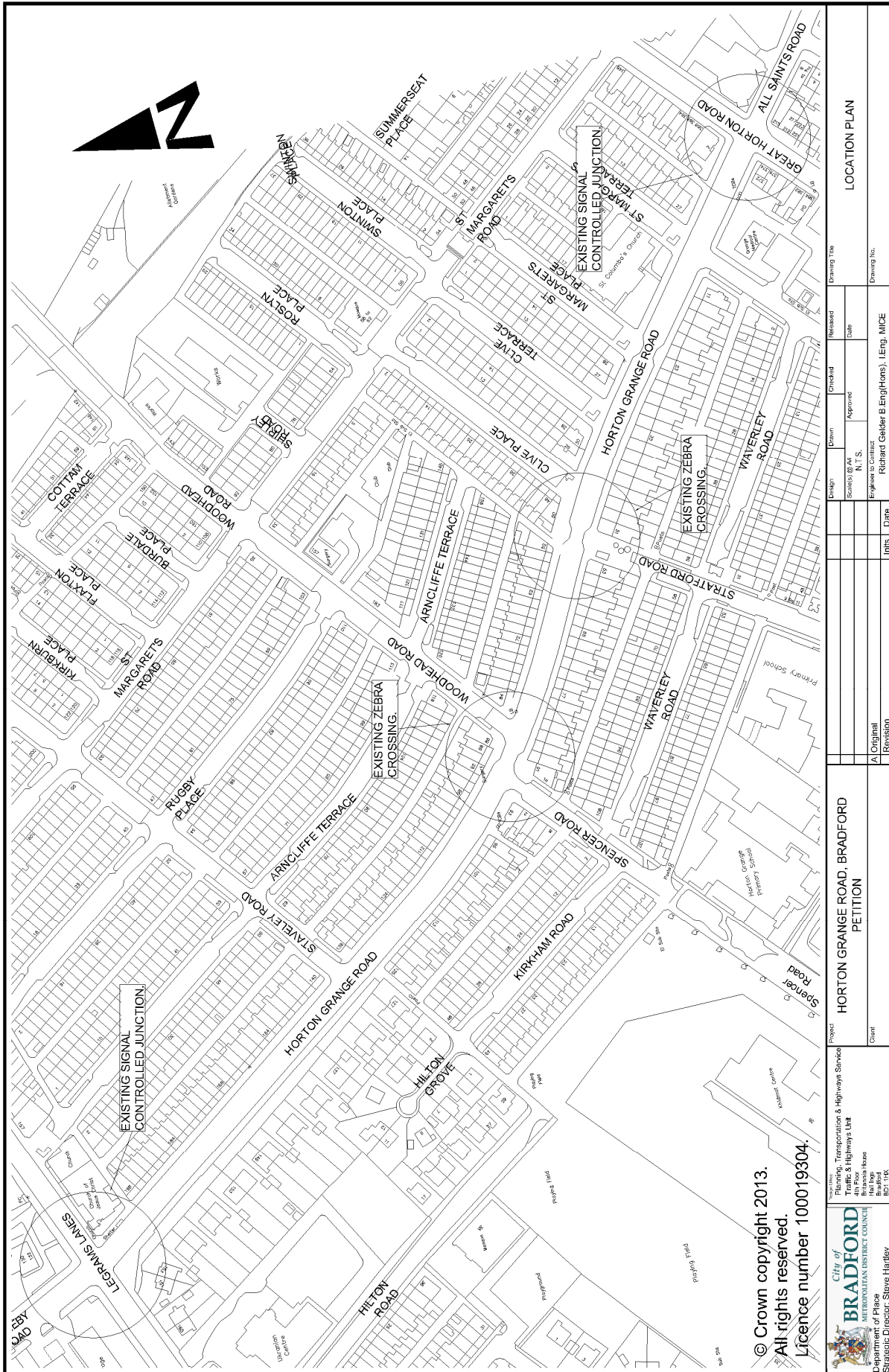
Recommendations

6. That the request for the conversion of the existing zebra crossing on Horton Grange Road (at its junction with Spencer Road) to a puffin crossing be added to the list of requests for traffic management measures to be considered as and when future Bradford West Safer Roads schemes programmes are determined
7. That a similar item for the zebra crossing Horton Grange Road at its junction with Stratford Road be added to the list.



Petition to request Pelican Crossing to Replace Zebra Crossing

<p>Petition Summary and Background</p>	<p>Regarding the Zebra Crossing on Horton Grange Road, just outside Master Jewellers and off Spencer Road.</p> <p>There have been a number of road traffic collisions, injuries and even more near misses at this crossing.</p> <p>There have already been a number of serious injuries and it is only a matter of time until something worse happens.</p> <p>Further, there are three Primary Schools in the immediate vicinity of the crossing. There is also a heavy footfall due to the local businesses that operate very near to the crossing.</p> <p>The residents are asking for a Pelican Crossing, as it is our belief that this will be the best tool to maximise the safety of residents.</p>
<p>Action petitioned for:</p>	<p>We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge Bradford Council, and its appropriate departments, as well as our elected officials who influence its decisions, to please have due regards for our concerns, as well as our judgement and to improve the safety of the aforementioned crossing by converting the Zebra crossing in to a Pelican crossing.</p>



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