

Report of the Strategic Director (Place) to the meeting of Shipley Area Committee to be held on 12 September 2018.

Subject:

A petition requesting a formal pedestrian crossing on Bingley Road, Menston.

Summary statement:

This report considers a petition requesting the introduction of a formal pedestrian crossing on Bingley Road, Menston.

It is recommended:

- That the petitioners' request for the introduction of a formal pedestrian crossing be noted and proposals to introduce a speed table to assist crossing pedestrians be included on the list of scheme candidates to be considered by this Committee for possible inclusion within its future capital works programme.
- That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report considers a petition requesting the introduction of a pedestrian crossing on Bingley Road, Menston.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A petition containing 20 signatures, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, has been received from parents of children attending Menston Primary School.
- 2.2 The petition states that since the mini-roundabout was removed at the junction of Main Street, Bingley Road and Menston Drive, vehicles speed along Bingley Road with nothing to slow them down, causing concerns for pedestrians crossing Bingley Road to the west of the junction. A location plan is attached as Appendix 2 to this report.
- 2.3 Parents and children from High Royds Estate cross at this location to go to and from Menston Primary School.
- 2.4 The petition also states there have been some 'near misses' and it is only a matter of time before there is an accident.
- 2.5 This junction was the site of a mini-roundabout until it was removed in 2017 following representations from Elected Members, the Town Council and local residents. Access from Bingley Road is controlled by a stop line.
- 2.6 The speed limit is 30mph on all legs approaching the junction. There are pedestrian crossings on Bingley Road east side, and on Main Street north side. There are dropped kerbs with tactile paving on Bingley Road west side, and Menston Drive (which is not open to through vehicles). Photographs, attached as Appendix 3 to this report, detail the junction layout further. The existing speed cushions on Bingley Road are "false" and do not offer vertical deflection.
- 2.7 There have been no reported traffic collisions resulting in personal injury at this junction in the five year period ending 30 June 2018.
- 2.8 Traffic and pedestrian volumes have been recorded along Bingley Road, west side, with the combined daily two way traffic flow being 5143. 301 pedestrian movements across the west leg of Bingley Road were recorded.
- 2.9 Vehicle and pedestrian movement at peak morning and evening times resulted in a PV^2 value of 0.65×10^8 . PV^2 values have traditionally been used to make a preliminary assessment regarding the justification for a pedestrian crossing with a minimum value of 0.5 historically being required for further investigation to be undertaken. Pedestrian and vehicular flows would therefore suggest there is justification for further investigation.
- 2.10 Additional justification for further investigations is evidenced by site observations which indicate that vehicles entering Bingley Road no longer reduce speeds, which, given the number of child pedestrians crossing at peak times, raises cause for concern.

- 2.11 The school crossing patrol Coordinator has been consulted, and has not been able to replace the existing patrol Officer who retired a number of years ago, so would not be able to consider this site for provision of a school crossing patrol.
- 2.12 The width of the road is too narrow for the introduction of pedestrian refuge.
- 2.13 One potential option would be to introduce a speed table across Bingley Road by its junction. This would not be a formal pedestrian crossing, but it would draw motorists attention to potential for pedestrians crossing, and would provide some vertical deflection to slow vehicles.
- 2.14 Due to the lack of traffic collisions, the provision of a speed table would require the proposed scheme being included within this Committee's future capital works programme as a Community Project (previously referred to as a locally determined scheme) as opposed to a Casualty Reduction Scheme.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Local Members are aware of the petitioner's request, and no comments have been received.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 The estimated cost of introducing a speed table would be £5,000. This would be subject to allocation of funding from a future Safer Road budget with the site competing with a number of other potential schemes in Wharfedale Ward.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1 There are no risk management implications

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 6.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

- 7.1.1 In the event of a scheme being progressed, due regard should be given to Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.2.1 There are no sustainability implications

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

7.3.1 There is no impact to the Council's own and the wider district's carbon footprint and no implications regarding emissions from other greenhouse gases arising from this report.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

7.4.1 The provision of a speed table to assist crossing pedestrians could help reduce the potential for traffic collisions at the site.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

7.5.1 None

7.6 TRADE UNION

7.6.1 None

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

7.7.1 Ward members have been consulted regarding this petition.

7.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

7.8.1 None

7.9 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

7.9.1 None

7.10 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.10.1 None

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1 None

9. OPTIONS

9.1 Option 1 (Recommended)

9.1.1 That the petitioners' request for the introduction of a formal pedestrian crossing be noted and proposals to introduce a speed table to assist crossing pedestrians be included on the list of scheme candidates to be considered by this Committee for possible inclusion within its future capital works programme.

9.1.2 That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

9.2 Option 2 (Not recommended)

9.2.1 That the petitioners' request for the introduction of a formal pedestrian crossing be included on the list of scheme candidates to be considered by this Committee for possible inclusion within its future capital works programme.

9.2.2 That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

9.3 Option 3 (Not recommended)

9.3.1 That this committee notes the petitioners' concerns and resolves that no further action be taken at this moment in time regarding the request for a formal pedestrian crossing on Bingley Road, Menston.

9.3.2 That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

9.4 Option 4 (Not recommended)

9.4.1 That this Committee prefers to take a course of action other than that indicated in the above options or recommendations, in which case it would receive appropriate guidance from officers.

9.4.2 That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 Option 1 (Recommended)

10.1.1 That the petitioners' request for the introduction of a formal pedestrian crossing be noted and proposals to introduce a speed table to assist crossing pedestrians be included on the list of scheme candidates to be considered by this Committee for possible inclusion within its future capital works programme.

10.1.2 That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – The petition this report relates to

Appendix 2 – A location plan showing Bingley Road, Main Street, and Menston Drive Jct.

Appendix 3 – Photo's highlighting the existing junction layout.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

Appendix 1

Name, address & contact details of lead petitioner.

TEL no:

Email:

21 March 2018

Re: Urgent need for pedestrian crossing in Menston

To whom it may concern

There has recently been an adjustment in the road signage and flow at the crossing in Menston where Menston Drive and Bingley Road cross. It used to be a roundabout and now it has a stop sign for cars coming down the hill and a fork in the road from the other direction.

This is where children cross over from the High Royds Estate to get to Menston Primary school.

As parents we are extremely concerned as the cars race by at speed with no cause to slow down. You literally have to wait for a kindly person to stop and give you an opportunity to cross.

Having witnessed a few near misses and risky crossings we fear it is only a matter of time before there is an accident.

As a matter of urgency we implore you to look into the possibility of adding a pedestrian crossing. I have included a couple of pictures with indications of where the ideal place for a crossing would be with no significant negative affect to the flow of traffic.

Yours sincerely



APPENDIX 1 (Con)

Appendix 1



APPENDIX 1 (Cont)

Appendix 1

Parents of children at Menston Primary in support of a pedestrian crossing in between High Royds and Menston Village as proposed in letter by Jeanette Mokawem dated 21 March 2018

Name	Address	Signature

APPENDIX 3

