



Report of the Director, Regeneration and Culture to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on 17 March 2016.

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Subject:

ROOLEY AVENUE – PROPOSED TOUCAN CROSSING AND CONVERSION OF FOOTWAY TO A SHARED PEDESTRIAN/CYCLE FACILITY

Summary statement:

This report seeks to inform members of a proposed Toucan crossing on Rooley Avenue and seeks approval for the proposed conversion of adjacent lengths of footway to a shared pedestrian/cycle facility.

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1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks to inform members of a proposed Toucan crossing on Rooley Avenue and seeks approval for the proposed conversion of adjacent lengths of footway to a shared pedestrian/cycle facility.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A residential development is currently being constructed on land adjacent to Rooley Avenue, to the west of Rooley Crescent. As part of the planning approval, the developer is funding the conversion of the existing zebra crossing on Rooley Avenue to a Toucan crossing (shared pedestrian and cyclist use).
- 2.2 The proposals also include the conversion of adjacent lengths of footway to create a shared pedestrian/cycle route, to link the proposed crossing facility with the existing shared pedestrian/cycle route and new housing site. To convert a footway to shared use between pedestrians and cyclists the footway must be removed under the powers in section 66(4) of the Highways Act 1980 and be replaced with a cycle track under section 65(1).
- 2.3 The proposals are detailed on plan nos. TDG/THS/103179/CON-1A and TDG/THS/103179/CYCLE-1A, attached as Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.
- 2.4 Delegated powers approval to prepare and advertise the toucan crossing proposal has already been obtained. However if there are any valid objections arising from the formal advertisement of a scheme, these will be reported to this Area Committee for consideration.
- 2.5 Approval is sought for the proposed conversion of adjacent lengths of footway to a shared pedestrian/cycle facility.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Local ward members, emergency services, bus operators and cycle user groups have been consulted on the proposals. Any comments will be reported verbally to the meeting.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 The estimated scheme cost is £74,000. All scheme promotion and implementation costs will be met by the developer.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1 The proposed measures have been deemed necessary for reasons of highway safety and residential amenity by the Planning Authority. A failure to make best endeavours to implement these measures could jeopardise this.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 6.1 There are no specific legal issues arising from this report. The course of action proposed is in general accordance with the Council's powers as Highway Authority and Traffic Regulation Authority.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Due regard has been given to Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 when developing the scheme design.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Measures to encourage cycling will have a positive impact on the local environment.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

There are no greenhouse gas implications to this report.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

The proposed scheme is expected to deliver community safety benefits.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

There are no significant human rights implications arising from this matter.

7.6 TRADE UNION

There are no Trade Union implications arising from this matter.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Ward members have been consulted.

7.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

The proposed measures included in this report support priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

- 8.1 None.

9. OPTIONS

- 9.1 Members may choose an alternative course of action from that in the

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recommendations, in which case they will receive appropriate advice from officers.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That members note the proposal to convert the existing zebra crossing on Rooley Avenue to a toucan crossing facility as detailed on plan no. TDG/THS/103179/CON-1A, attached as Appendix 1.
- 11.2 That any valid objections to the proposed toucan crossing on Rooley Avenue be reported to this Area Committee for consideration or, in the event of there being no valid objections, the crossing be implemented as advertised.
- 11.3 That approval be given to convert the existing lengths of footway on Rooley Avenue to shared use between pedestrians and cyclists, as detailed on plan no. TDG/THS/103179/CYCLE-1A attached as Appendix 2.

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 Appendix 1 – . Plan no. TDG/THS/103179/CON-1A
- 11.2 Appendix 2 – . Plan No. TDG/THS/103179/CYCLE-1A

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 12.1 None

