HTM/12/52 East Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee 6 November 2012

# **Dinan Way, Exmouth - Puffin Crossing**

Report of the Head of Highways and Traffic Management

Please note that the following recommendation is subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the scheme shown on attached plan no. B2300189/0003 be approved at an estimated cost of £69,500.

# 1. Summary

This report seeks approval to a proposed scheme to provide a puffin crossing in Dinan Way, Exmouth.

## 2. Background/Introduction

The school travel plan for Bassetts Farm Primary School has identified the need for an improved crossing facility in Dinan Way. The crossing would also benefit the wider community by improving access to the Hill Crest development and links to adjacent public transport.

#### 3. Proposals

Attached plan no. B2300189/0003 shows the proposed scheme, which involves the provision of a puffin crossing in Dinan Way near to the junction with Cheshire Road. The new signal controlled crossing will replace the existing uncontrolled pedestrian refuge.

## 4. Financial Considerations

The estimated cost of the scheme is £69,500, and funding to carry out the works has been identified in the 2012/13 Local Sustainable Transport Fund Access to Education programme.

## 5. Sustainability Considerations

The provision of improved walking routes, helping to reduce dependence on private car use, is a key element in the County Council's sustainable transport policy.

# 6. Carbon Impact Considerations

The proposals should have a positive impact by encouraging more children to walk to school and helping to reduce levels of car use.

# 7. Equality Considerations

No new policies are being recommended in this report and therefore an Equality Impact and Needs Assessment is not considered necessary.

# 8. Legal Considerations

The lawful implications/consequences of the proposals have been considered and taken into account in the preparation of this report.

## 9. Risk Management Considerations

This proposal has been assessed and all necessary safeguards or actions have been taken to safeguard the Council's position.

# 10. Public Health Impact

The scheme will have a positive public health impact by improving safety and encouraging more children to walk to school.

# 11. Options/Alternatives Investigated

Other options investigated included the retention of the existing pedestrian refuge or the provision of a zebra crossing, but the proposed scheme was considered to provide the maximum safety benefits.

#### 12. Reason for Recommendation/Conclusion

The proposed scheme will help to reduce car use and encourage more local journeys to be made by sustainable means.

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Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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