HTM/11/4 North Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee 28 June 2011

Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan 2011-26: Implementation Plan for Devon B3226 South Street, South Molton - Proposed Zebra Crossing Scheme for Formal Approval

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 drawing number EATS(N) 464/3/0 be approved at an estimated cost of £33,000.

1. Summary

This report details the proposals to provide a zebra crossing at B3226 South Street, South Molton.

2. Background/Introduction

The need for a safer crossing point of South Street has been raised by South Molton Community College due to difficulties experienced by students crossing the main road outside the College. Through the School Travel Plan process, concerns were raised about the conflict between pedestrian movements being in conflict with high traffic volumes movements particularly at the beginning and end of the academic day. The provision of a zebra crossing at this location has also been raised by South Molton Town Council.

3. Proposal

The proposed scheme is shown on Drg No. EATS(N)464/3/0. The scheme entails the construction of a new zebra crossing adjacent to the junction of South Street and Alswear Old Road.

4. Financial Considerations

The estimated cost of this scheme is £33,000. The funding has been identified in the 2011/2012 Integrated Block Programme for Market and Coastal Towns and Rural Devon: Local Schemes of the Devon Local Transport Plan.

5. Alternative Options

Various options were considered including different locations for the crossing. However, given the desire line for students crossing the road the only viable option identified is the proposed scheme.

6. Sustainability Considerations

The objectives and strategies of the Devon Local Transport Plan aim to improve travel choices including walking to reduce unnecessary use of the private car, as a contribution to improving Devon's environmental, social and economic well being.

The scheme supports this objective by encouraging walking.

7. Carbon Impact Considerations

As the scheme will encourage walking the scheme will have a positive carbon impact.

8. Equality Considerations

An Equality Impact and Needs Assessment (EINA) was undertaken for the Local Transport Plan 2011 to 2026, which included the 2011/12 programme as described in this report. No negative impacts were identified.

9. Legal Considerations

The appropriate legal notice under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 will be advertised.

10. Risk Management Considerations

Financial risk has been identified and appropriate allowances within the scheme estimate have been made to protect the Council's position.

11. Reason for Recommendation/Conclusion

The scheme provides safer walking access to the college for pupils and has the support of South Molton Town Council and of the South Molton Community College.

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Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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Background Paper		Date	File Ref.
1.	Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan 2011-2026:	9 March 2011	EEC/11/35/HQ

1. Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan 2011-2026: Implementation Plan for Devon and Proposed 2011/12 Programme

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