HCW/13/49 North Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee 29 October 2013

C783 Blakes Hill Road Landkey, Proposed Zebra Pedestrian Crossing Scheme for Formal Approval

Report of the Head of Highways, Capital Development and Waste

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 layout as shown on drawing number EATS(N)403-01-00 be approved in principle, at an estimated cost of £40,000, with scheme details to be approved under delegated powers, in consultation with the local member and chair of North Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee.

1. Summary

This report seeks scheme layout approval and estimate approvals for a Zebra controlled pedestrian crossing on Blakes Hill Road Landkey.

2. Background/Introduction

The C783 Blakes Hill is the main route through Landkey and provides a link to the A361 North Devion Link Road from surrounding villages and hinterland. The village primary school is situated to the south west of the road. There has been expansion of residential development to the north east of Blakes Hill and the proposed location for the crossing is at a point which is on the primary walking route linking the residential development with the school.

The provision of a Zebra crossing at this location has been a long standing aspiration and is featured in the school travel plan. The provision of a zebra crossing at this location will improve safety for vulnerable road users and promote safer walking routes to the school.

3. Proposal

The proposal is shown on drawing EATS(N)403-01-00 and comprises a Zebra controlled pedestrian crossing located on Blakes Hill immediately north west of the junction with Barleycorn Fields at the location of the existing crossing point of Blakes Hill.

4. Consultations/Representations/Technical Data

Safety concerns have been raised by the school and local residents who have lobbied for provision of a crossing at this location for many years.

5. Financial Considerations

The preliminary estimate of scheme cost is £40,000. Funding for the scheme has been identified within the 2013/2014 Market and Coastal Towns Foundation Programme of the Devon Local Transport Plan.

6. Sustainability Considerations

The scheme will support school travel plans and encourage walking, contributing towards a positive carbon impact by reducing car journeys.

7. Carbon Impact Considerations

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8. Equality Considerations

An Equality Impact and Needs Assessment (EINA) was undertaken for the Local Transport Plan. No negative impacts were identified.

9. Legal Considerations

The proposal will be advertised in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

10. Risk Management Considerations

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

11. Public Health Impact

None.

12. Options/Alternatives

Alternative crossing designs and locations were considered. The indicated location provides reinforcement of the existing crossing point of Blakes Hill

13. Reason for Recommendation/Conclusion

Provision of a Zebra crossing at this location will enhance school and pedestrian links within the village and improve road safety for vulnerable users.

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Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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