CDW/13/7 Teignbridge Highways and Traffic Orders Committee 14 March 2013

Newton Road, Kingsteignton - Proposed Pedestrian Crossing Outside Racecourse

Report of the Head of Capital Development and Waste 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 to install a signal controlled pedestrian crossing detailed in layout drawing number B11023/10 and shown in Appendix I be approved for construction at an estimated cost of £47,710.

1. Summary

The report seeks approval for the construction of a signal controlled "Puffin" pedestrian crossing in Newton Road, Kingsteignton.

2. Background/Introduction

The proposed crossing will provide a safe crossing and facilitate access to existing public transport links for pedestrians and customers/employees of the adjacent superstore, hotel complex and racecourse. The scheme supports employment, the local economy and sustainable transport.

3. Proposal

A new pedestrian crossing will be provided across Newton Road. Both north and south footways will have the existing kerbs dropped and tactile paving installed. The footways will be shaped to give gradients in accordance with DDA regulations. High skid resistant surface dressing will be applied to the existing carriageway on the approaches to the crossing.

4. Consultations/Representations/Technical Data

The scheme has been developed following a requirement of the planning permission for the recently constructed Premier Inn Hotel and Beefeater Restaurant complex at the entrance to the racecourse. Consultation through the planning process was completed when the application was made in 2010. Further consultation on the scheme has taken place with Tesco's Superstore, Newton Abbot Racecourse and Local County Councillor.

5. Financial Considerations

The total project is estimated to cost £47,710. The cost of the scheme is being met by S 106 funds obligated by the planning permission relating to the recently constructed Premier Inn Hotel and Beefeater Restaurant complex at the entrance the racecourse with an additional £12,710 from the 2013/14 Local Transport Plan Integrated Block budget.

6. Sustainability Considerations

The scheme will provide a safe crossing of the busy Newton Road and facilitate access to existing public transport links for pedestrians and customers/employees of the adjacent superstore, hotel complex and racecourse, promoting the use of public transport.

7. Carbon Impact Considerations

The effect of making the public transport links more accessible and attractive will result in reduced car journeys and congestion and therefore a carbon reduction.

8. Legal Considerations

If approved, public notice of the crossing will be given in accordance with section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

9. Risk Management Considerations

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

10. Options/Alternatives

The alternative option of "Do Nothing" was considered, however, this was rejected as it would fail to meet the criteria to provide a safe crossing.

11. Reason for Recommendation/Conclusion

The scheme provides a safe crossing point on the busy Newton Road, Kingsteignton to access public transport links for pedestrians and customers/employees of the adjacent superstore, hotel complex and racecourse and as such helps to meet Devon County Council's strategic priorities of promoting green travel and reducing congestion as well as supporting local businesses and tourism.

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