

School Pedestrian Crossing, Landkey Road, Barnstaple

Report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment

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

Recommendation: It is recommended that:

- (a) the scheme shown on plan 19415/03 included in Appendix I, is approved for construction at an estimated cost of £80,913; and**
- (b) that authority is given to advertise a public notice.**

1. Introduction

The report seeks scheme approval to construct a signal controlled “Puffin” pedestrian crossing on Landkey Road in Barnstaple. The proposed scheme will provide a dedicated pedestrian crossing facility serving Newport Community School Primary Academy and support sustainable travel to other local community facilities.

2. Background

Funding for improvements to pedestrian and cycle facilities on Landkey Road were identified through planning as a requirement to support new residential and employment development at Mount Sandford. In conjunction with improvements to paths along Landkey Road a crossing facility in the vicinity of Newport Primary School was identified to improve both access to the school and to the Newport cycle path. The Newport shared use cycle path provides an off-road walking and cycling route to access key local facilities including, secondary and higher education, the rail station, employment sites, residential areas and retail centres.

Funding triggers for development contributions towards new facilities have not been reached. However a significant proportion of the Mount Sandford residential development is now occupied and in May 2018 the post for the School Crossing Patrol officer serving Newport Primary School became vacant. Following an extended period of recruitment this post has remained vacant and in January 2019 an independent safeguarding review highlighted a school safety issue for pupils/adults/visitors arriving and departing from the school site. To improve road safety for the school and to support sustainable travel options both now and in the future, it is being proposed to introduce a new pedestrian crossing facility in the vicinity of the school and Newport cycle network.

3. Proposal

The scheme shown on Plan 19415/03 included in Appendix I, incorporates a new signalised crossing facility. The crossing is located at the former site of the School Crossing Patrol. On the southern side of Landkey Road the proposed crossing is located between two private road junctions that serve properties on Burlington Close

and adjacent to a private vehicular entrance serving a single residential property. On the northern side of Landkey Road the proposed crossing is adjacent to a gated pedestrian entrance to the school. On both sides of the road the proposed crossing is located close to pedestrian accesses onto the Newport Cycle path.

In order to accommodate a new crossing close to the key pedestrian desire line, this scheme proposal incorporates extensive modifications to kerbing, pavements and surface water drainage.

Following early consultation with adjacent properties, the scheme also incorporates bollards on the wide pavement outside Weirholme, to prevent pavement parking at busy school times.

Subject to scheme approval, it is intended that construction will take place between January to March 2020.

3. Options/Alternatives

The local area around Newport Primary School is very constrained with a number of private and public entrances onto Landkey Road that make it difficult to accommodate a controlled crossing facility. Alternative locations were considered. But these would not address the crossing demand and current safety issues for the school.

4. Consultations

Initial consultation was undertaken with the school. And further consultation was undertaken by the local member with adjacent properties at an early stage in the design process. The construction of a controlled pedestrian crossing facility will also be subject to the advertisement of a formal public notice.

5. Financial Considerations

The estimated scheme cost of the scheme is £80,913. It is proposed that the scheme will be funded through the Integrated Block element of the 2019/20 Transport Capital Programme.

6. Environmental Impact Considerations

By promoting sustainable alternatives to travel by car, the proposal will have a minor but positive effect on vehicle emissions and the environment.

7. Equality Considerations

An Equality Impact and Needs Assessment (EINA) was undertaken for the Local Transport Plan. No negative impacts were identified. No new policies are being recommended in this report and therefore an individual Equality Impact and Needs Assessment for the scheme is not considered necessary.

8. Legal Considerations

To introduce a new or amended pedestrian crossing a public notice will be required to be advertised in accordance with Section 23 of The Road Traffic Regulation Act.

9. Risk Management Considerations

No risks have been identified.

10. Public Health Impact

Improved crossing facilities will enhance links between residential areas, schools other community facilities and the Barnstaple cycle network. This will have a positive effect on promoting healthy and sustainable travel within the community.

11. Reasons for Recommendations

It is recommended that the scheme be approved for construction and advertisement to both support school safety and to promote sustainable and healthy travel choices.

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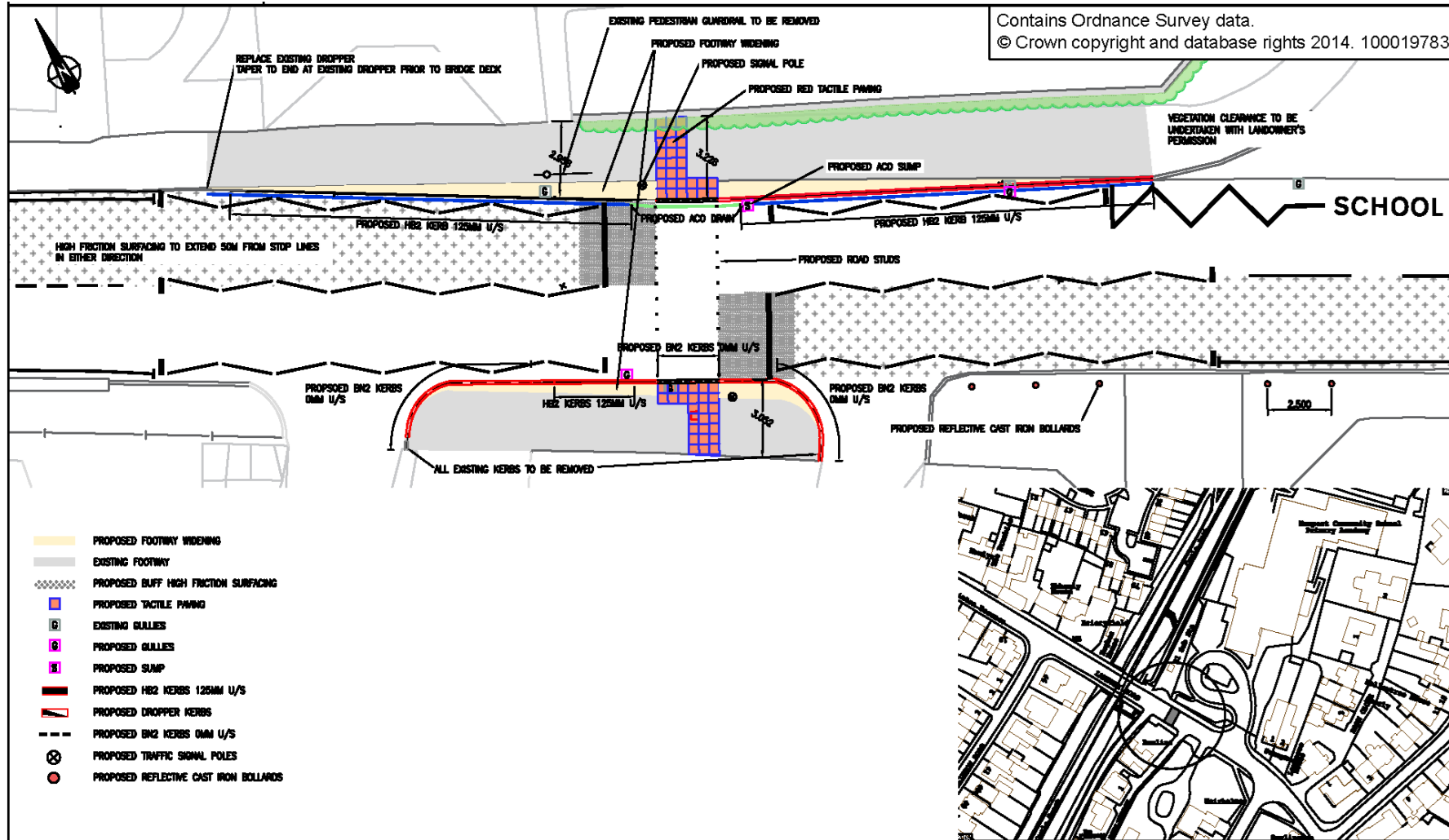
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Appendix I
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