

## **A377 Puffin Crossing, Crediton**

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 the Committee be asked:**

- (a) to approve the proposed signalised pedestrian crossing (puffin crossing) as shown in Appendix I (plan number C18002/9) to be constructed on the A377 in Crediton for a total estimated cost of £100,000; and**
- (b) that the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment be given delegated powers, in consultation with the Chair of HATOC and the local member, to make minor amendments to the scheme details.**

### **1. Introduction**

The new housing development to the north of the A377 and Tesco's (known as Tarka View) is already part occupied and at present there is not a dedicated crossing of the A377. There is an informal crossing with dropped kerbs but it can be difficult for pedestrians to cross given the speed and volume of traffic using the A377. This will become more of an issue as the number of residents living in Tarka View increases.

### **2. Proposal**

This report seeks approval to provide a formal signalised puffin crossing on the A377 to allow direct access from the Tarka View development site to the train station, new doctor's surgery and shopping facilities to the south of the main road. This will replace the existing dropped kerb informal crossing arrangement.

The developer is providing direct pedestrian access from the development onto the northern side of the A377 at the proposed crossing location. This will encourage walking trips to be made from Tarka View to Tesco's, the new doctors' surgery and the train station.

### **3. Options/Alternatives**

An alternative location for the crossing was proposed further west. However, this would have required access across private land and was not popular with the local businesses. The proposed location is considered a better alternative.

#### **4. Consultations**

The District and Town Councillor, along with the Local County Member have been consulted on the scheme.

#### **5. Financial Considerations**

The estimated cost of the scheme £100,000. £58,000 will be funded from Tarka View developer contribution, with the remaining coming from LTP.

#### **6. Legal Considerations**

The scheme has been subject to a Road Safety Audit and all issues raised have been addressed with minor amendments to the design.

Prior to construction, a public notice will be issued in accordance with Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

#### **7. Environmental Impact Considerations (Including Climate Change)**

The proposed scheme will improve walking infrastructure, encouraging reduced car trips for short journeys and help boost people's health and fitness.

There may be slight negative impacts due to vehicles having to stop and start at the signals, but it is expected this will be counteracted by people switching from driving to walking for short trips. The scheme also offers safety benefits by providing a signalised crossing point of the A377.

#### **8. Equality Considerations**

The proposal will help all types of pedestrian to safely cross the road. There are steps on the southern side to access Tesco but there is an alternative footpath which can be used by all pedestrians, including the less abled. This gives them access to Tesco's, the new Doctors surgery and the train station from the Tarka View residential development site.

#### **9. Risk Management Considerations**

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

No risks have been identified.

#### **10. Public Health Impact**

The proposal improves pedestrian crossing safety and encourages sustainable travel, reducing carbon emissions and contributing positively to general health and wellbeing.

## 11. Summary

The proposal supports the County Council's ambition of improving sustainable travel and pedestrian safety.

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### **Electoral Division: Crediton**

#### Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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Background Paper	Date	File Ref.
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# Appendix I To PTE/21/14

