

North Tyneside Council

Delegated Decision Report

Date: 4 November 2022

Title: Pedestrian crossings – Broadway, Whitley Bay

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Report to: John Sparkes, Director of
Regeneration and Economic
Development

Wards affected: Cullercoats

PART 1

1.1 Executive Summary:

This report seeks a delegated decision to advertise a proposal to establish and, in the event that no objections are received, proceed to establish two pedestrian crossings on Broadway in Whitley Bay.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development:

- (1) agrees that notices for the proposal should be prepared and advertised in line with relevant statutory requirements; and
- (2) agrees that, if no representations are received following the period of consultation, pedestrian crossings shall be established in accordance with the proposal.

1.3 Forward Plan:

Seeking delegated decisions to advertise proposals to establish a pedestrian crossing and, in the event that no objections are received, to determine if a pedestrian crossing should be established is a standing item on the Forward Plan.

1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework

The proposals in this report relate to the following priority in Our North Tyneside, the Council Plan 2021 to 2025:

- A green North Tyneside
 - We will publish an action plan of the steps we will take and the national investment we will seek to make North Tyneside carbon net-zero by 2030
 - We will increase opportunities for safe walking and cycling, including providing a segregated cycleway at the coast

1.5 Information:

1.5.1 Background

It is proposed to implement a safety improvement scheme at the junction of Broadway and Mast Lane in Whitley Bay.

This involves installing two zebra crossings on Broadway to the north and south of the roundabout to make it easier to cross the road, including for people accessing nearby bus stops. The scheme also includes amending the geometry of the roundabout and the associated highway alignment, to reduce each of the approaches to the roundabout to a single carriageway lane. It is anticipated that this will make it easier to cross the road on foot to the east and west of the roundabout, and will also be more conducive to on-road cycling.

The scheme has been designed to ensure that highway conditions are conducive to support greater usage of cycling, walking and wheeling. The design of the crossings has had regard to 'future-proofing', to retain the potential for these to be upgraded to pedestrian and cycle crossings, should a designated west-east cycle route be established at this location in the future.

1.5.2 Proposal in relation to pedestrian crossings

It is proposed to install zebra crossings at two separate locations on Broadway as follows:

- Broadway, Whitley Bay
 - a. At a point 29m north of its junction with Mast Lane's projected northern kerb line
 - b. At a point 29m south of its junction with Mast Lane's projected southern kerb line.

The proposed introduction of the new pedestrian crossings will improve safety for pedestrians crossing Broadway in the vicinity of the existing roundabout.

1.5.3 Consultation

Engagement on the scheme was undertaken in Summer 2022.

Letters have been issued to households in the area to set out the elements of the proposed scheme. The Cabinet Member for Environment and ward members have been updated on the proposals.

1.5.4 Proposed next steps

Proposals that restrict traffic movements are subject to statutory legal process as described in section 2.2: this includes the local authority giving public notice of the proposals and taking such other steps as it may consider appropriate for ensuring adequate publicity. In North Tyneside, this includes notices advertising proposals being displayed on affected streets and on the Authority's website. This enables members of the public or businesses to object to the proposal. Any objectors are sent a response and invited to reconsider their objection. Any objections not withdrawn are referred to the Cabinet Member for Environment for consideration in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation for Cabinet Members.

1.6 Decision options:

The following decision options are available for consideration by the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development:

Option 1

To approve the recommendations as set out in paragraph 1.2 above.

Option 2

Not to approve the recommendations as set out in paragraph 1.2 above.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

Option 1 is recommended for the following reasons:

The proposals will increase safety for all road users and contribute to ensuring that highway conditions are conducive to support greater usage of cycling, walking and wheeling.

1.8 Appendices:

Appendix 1 Plan of scheme

Appendix 2 Equality Impact Assessment – Broadway, Whitley Bay (Zebra Crossings)

1.9 Contact officers:

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1.10 Background information:

- (1) [North Tyneside Transport Strategy](#)
- (2) [Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984](#)
- (3) [The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016](#)

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

Funding to advertise and implement the proposal is available from the 2022/23 Local Transport Plan – Network Management budget.

2.2 Legal

Proposals that involve revocations or amendments to the provision of pedestrian crossings and the installation of any new pedestrian crossings are subject to statutory

legal process set out in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Regulations that flow from that Act, namely, The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016. The authority which makes the proposal is required to consult the chief officer of police about its proposal and give public notice of the proposal.

In North Tyneside, in addition to being advertised in a local newspaper, notices advertising the proposal are displayed on the Authority's website and on roads affected by the order. Documents relating to the proposal are also available for public inspection at the Authority's offices at Quadrant. Objections to the proposal may be made within a period of 21 days starting from the date the notice was published.

In accordance with the Authority's scheme of Delegation to Cabinet Members, if any objections cannot be resolved, then the Cabinet Member for Environment is asked to consider those representations made and not withdrawn and to determine if a pedestrian crossing should be established.

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

2.3.1 Internal consultation

Internal consultation has involved the Cabinet Member for Environment. Ward members' views on the proposal were sought as described in section 1.5.3.

2.3.2 Community engagement

Views on the proposal were sought as described in section 1.5.3. The proposal is to be advertised in line with statutory process as set out in section 1.5.4.

2.4 Human rights

The proposals within this report do not have direct implications in respect of the Human Rights Act 1998.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

An Equality Impact Assessment for the Broadway, Whitley Bay (Zebra Crossings) scheme has been undertaken and is attached as Appendix 2 to this report. This notes that several identified potential impacts are positive, e.g. for people who currently experience difficulty crossing the road, and that actions are specified to reduce the identified potential negative impact, which relates to temporary arrangements during construction.

2.6 Risk management

There are no risk management implications arising directly from this report. Strategic and operational risks associated with transport matters are assessed via the established corporate process.

2.7 Crime and disorder

There are no crime and disorder implications directly arising from this report.

2.8 Environment and sustainability

There are potential positive implications in that the proposals support the use of more sustainable modes of transport in preference to car use.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Chief Finance Officer

- Monitoring Officer

- Assistant Chief Executive

Appendix 1 – Plan of Scheme

