

North Tyneside Council

Report to Director of Regeneration and Economic Development

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Title: Pedestrian crossing – Hartington Road, North Shields

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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 introduce a zebra crossing and in the event that no objections are received, proceed to introduce a zebra crossing on Hartington Road, North Shields.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development makes a delegated decision

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

1.3 Forward Plan:

Seeking delegated decisions to advertise proposals to install pedestrian crossings and, in the event that no objections are received, to determine that pedestrian crossings should be installed, 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 increase opportunities for safe walking and cycling, including providing a segregated cycleway at the coast
- 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
- A secure North Tyneside
 - We will continue to invest £2m per year in fixing our roads and pavements.

The proposals in this report relate to the following priority in the Carbon Net-Zero 2030 Action Plan:

- Reduce car-based school trips by 5% annually

1.5 Information:

1.5.1 Background

In accordance with the Authority's aims to improve road safety and support active travel, it is proposed to install a zebra crossing on Hartington Road, North Shields adjacent to its junction with Rothley Gardens as shown in Appendix 1.

The proposal was developed following requests from members of the public and ward councillors who identified a need for a formal pedestrian crossing at this location to improve road safety for walking routes to Monkhouse Primary School. This crossing would support the existing school crossing patrol that operates at this location.

It is envisaged that the proposed crossing will contribute to supporting an increase in travel by walking and wheeling. In particular, it is hoped that the proposed crossing will facilitate sustainable trips to and from Monkhouse Primary School thereby reducing traffic congestion in the area and improving road safety.

1.5.2 Consultation undertaken

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

Arrangements were also made to contact the standard technical consultees in writing to advise of the proposals in May 2023.

1.5.3 Proposed next steps

Proposals that restrict traffic movements are subject to statutory legal process as described in section 2.2: this includes the 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 Mayor's Scheme of Delegation.

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 proposal will improve links to Monkhouse Primary School, road safety and contribute to ensuring that highway conditions are conducive to supporting walking and wheeling.

1.8 Appendices:

Appendix 1 Plan of scheme



HTR-CAP-GEN-XX-X
R-TR-1001_P02.pdf

Appendix 2 Equality Impact Assessment



Hartington Road
Zebra Crossing - EqI

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 2023/24 Local Transport Plan Road Safety Initiatives 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 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 Mayor's Scheme of Delegation, 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 1.5.2.

2.3.2 Community engagement

Views on the proposal were sought as described in section 1.5.2. The proposal is to be advertised in line with statutory process as also set out in section 1.5.3.

2.4 Human rights

Any human rights implications must be balanced against the duty that the Authority has to provide a safe highway for people to use. It is not considered that the proposed restrictions will have a negative impact on individuals' human rights.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

An Equality Impact Assessment for the 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. The proposals therefore support the target within the Carbon Net-Zero 2030 Action Plan to reduce car-based school trips.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Chief Finance Officer

- Monitoring Officer

- Assistant Chief Executive