

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB COMMITTEE		
DATE:	15 January 2015	AGENDA ITEM:	8
TITLE:	NEW ZEBRA CROSSING ON CHATHAM STREET ASSOCIATED WITH THE CHATHAM PLACE		
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1. PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval to carry out statutory notice procedures on a proposal to install a new zebra crossing on Chatham Street in proximity to the IDR roundabout and funded as part of the Chatham Place 2 development.
- 1.2 The proposed zebra crossing will be funded by S106 Planning Contributions from the planning application for Chatham Place 2 which were approved by Planning Applications Committee on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012 and is currently under construction.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 The Panel note the Report.
- 2.2 That the Head of Legal Service be authorised to carry out the statutory notice procedures of the intention to establish a pedestrian crossing on Chatham Street outside the Chatham Place 2 redevelopment in accordance with Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 The proposals are in line with current Transport and Planning Policy.

## **4. THE PROPOSAL**

- 4.1 As part of the Highways improvement package associated with the Chatham Place 2 redevelopment, it is proposed that a new zebra crossing is installed on Chatham Street in the vicinity of the IDR roundabout. The aim of this proposal is to provide a safe crossing facility in the proximity of the roundabout on the only arm not to have a Zebra crossing. This will enable residents to walk safely to the facilities to the north of site including the Hodsoll Road recreation grounds and soon to open primary schools.
- 4.2 The crossing will be located 15 metres west of the IDR roundabout, on both carriageways of Chatham Street as shown on the drawing in Appendix 1.
- 4.3 The principle of the crossing was included within the obligations associated with Planning Application 12/00798/FUL for the construction of Chatham Place Phase 2 and approved by members at Planning Applications Committee. The proposed crossing while improving the crossing facilities for residents of the new development will also be of benefit to residents living in the earlier phases of the Chatham Place redevelopment.
- 4.4 As well as the new crossing, anti skid surfacing will be laid on the approaches to the crossing in the interest of safety.
- 4.5 However before works can commence a statutory notice has to be issued and this report seeks permission to commence this process.

## **5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS**

- 5.1 To promote equality, social inclusion and a safe and healthy environment for all.

## **6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION**

- 6.1 Community engagement with local residents has been undertaken as part of the planning application for the development.
- 6.2 The Statutory consultation will be carried out in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations.

## **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The crossing will be advertised under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

## **8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 The cost of the works will be funded from the Section 106 transport contribution obtained as a result of planning consent.

**9. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

9.1 Planning Applications Committee, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2012, Agenda Item 7.

# Appendix 1 - Proposed Chatham Street Zebra Crossing

