

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURGOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB COMMITTEE		
DATE:	2 NOVEMBER 2017	AGENDA ITEM:	11
TITLE:	RELOCATION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON A33 NEAR TO IMPERIAL WAY ROUNDABOUT		
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1. PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval to carry out the statutory notice procedure on a proposal to relocate the A33 pedestrian crossing currently mid-point between Imperial Way and South Oak Way roundabouts closer to Imperial Way.

1.2 The relocated crossing will be funded by S106 planning contributions from the redevelopment of the Berkshire brewery site now occupied by Tesco.

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 relocate the pedestrian crossing on the A33 closer to the Imperial Road roundabout 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 Mass Rapid Transport (MRT) works currently being constructed on the A33 there is a temporary pedestrian crossing just north of the Imperial Way roundabout. This temporary crossing has been provided whilst the permanent crossing at the mid-point between the Imperial Way roundabout and South Oak Way roundabout is out of use. This temporary crossing has proved to be a real benefit to many more users than the permanent crossing catered for particularly those walking to and from the Tesco distribution centre.

4.2 The relocated crossing will be subject to a detailed design and road safety audit but as a part of the process we need to serve notice in accordance with Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

4.3 Progress of this proposal will be reported as a part of the *Major Schemes* report as a standing item on the TM Sub-committee agenda.

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 None relating to this proposal.