

## READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

### REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH & NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

<b>TO:</b>	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
<b>DATE:</b>	11 SEPTEMBER 2019	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	4(b)
<b>TITLE:</b>	PETITION TO REINSTATE PELICAN CROSSING ON WOKINGHAM ROAD OUTSIDE PALMER PARK		
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#### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report to the Sub-Committee the receipt of a petition asking the Council to reinstate the pelican crossing on Wokingham Road by Palmer Park.

#### 2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 That the request to reinstate the pelican crossing be investigated and the results of the investigation reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.
- 2.3 That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

#### 3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 The provision of a pelican crossing is specified within the existing Traffic Management Policies and Standards.

#### **4. THE PROPOSAL**

- 4.1 The Council has received a petition with a total of 194 signatures at the time of writing. The petition is raising safety concern of a newly constructed parallel crossing facilities forming as part of the National Cycle Network (NCN) scheme on A329 Wokingham Road.
- 4.2 The wording of the petition reads: 'Reinstate the pelican crossing on Wokingham Road by Palmer Park'.
- 4.3 The Sub-Committee is asked to note the petition and Officers will report back the results of their investigation to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

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

- 5.1 This proposal supports the aims and objectives of the Local Transport Plan and helps to deliver the following Council Priorities:
- Ensuring the Council is fit for the future

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

- 6.1 The lead petitioner will be informed of the findings of the Sub-Committee.

#### **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 None arising from this report.

#### **8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 8.1 In addition to the Human Rights Act 1998 the Council is required to comply with the Equalities Act 2010. Section 149 of the Equalities Act 2010 requires the Council to have due regard to the need to:-
- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
  - advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
  - foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- 8.2 The Council will carry out an equality impact assessment scoping exercise prior making any alterations to the Highway.

**9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 None arising from this report.

**10. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

10.1 None.