

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Subject: Devonport High School for Boys – Zebra Crossing
Committee: Devonport, Stoke, St Peter & the Waterfront Area
Committee
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Executive Summary:

As part of the Local Transport Plan, Plymouth Transport and Highways are dedicated to improving the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. A particular emphasis is being placed on improving safety in the vicinity of local schools. In addition, we are committed to implementing engineering measures that are designed to encouraged school aged children to walk or cycle to school rather than travel by private car. This scheme is designed to improve pedestrian safety along Paradise Road outside the entrance to Devonport High School for Boys.

Corporate Plan 2009-2012:

The proposed works on Paradise Road will aid in achieving the following Corporate Improvement Priority:

CIP 11 – Improving Accessibility across the City.

Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land

All financial implications of the scheme are funded from the Capital Programme 2009-2010.

Other Implications: e.g. Section 17 Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management, Equalities Impact Assessment, etc.

Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:

It is recommended that the area members:

- 1) Consider the comments (if any) reported verbally at the committee meeting.
 - 2) Provide their support for the implementation of the proposed zebra crossing on Paradise Road (As detailed in Appendix 1).
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Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:

Due to the location an uncontrolled/ informal crossing was considered inappropriate. Other forms of signal controlled crossings including pelican, toucan and puffin were considered however; a zebra is considered most appropriate. Approach speeds on zebra crossings are lower than at signal controlled therefore making zebra crossings more suitable outside schools.

Background papers:

There are no background papers relating to this scheme however, background to the schemes origin and works undertaken have been included in the main body of this report.

Sign off: Comment must be sought from those whose area of responsibility may be affected by the decisions, as follows (insert initials of Finance and Legal reps, and of HR, Corporate Property, IT and Start Proc as appropriate).

Fin		Leg		HR		Corp Prop		IT		Start Proc	
Originating SMT Member											

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Encouraging walking and cycling across the city has been identified as a key target for the Local Transport Plan 2006-2011. It has been identified that there are major health benefits that can be achieved through walking; these are both personal health gains through increased levels of exercise and improved air quality as a result of modal shift.

1.2 A particular area identified for improvement was the mode of transport used by children travelling to and from School. The Local Transport Plan identified that whilst the percentage of children walking to school in Plymouth was higher than the national average there was still a need to do more to encourage parents and children to walk rather than drive to school.

1.3 A key element to encouraging walking and cycling is to improve the facilities on the network and to improve road safety.

1.4 This report provides the background information to the proposed zebra crossing on Paradise Road, outside Devonport High School for Boys (As detailed in Appendix 1). All comments received will be reported verbally at the area committee meeting in January 2010.

2.0 FORMAL ADVERT

2.1 Consultation was undertaken with members of staff, students and parents at Devonport High School for Boys in October 2009.

2.2 Plans of the proposals and a letter explaining the proposals were sent to key stakeholders on 15 December 2009 and local residents on 16 December 2009.

2.3 Street notices were erected on site on and the formal advert was placed in the local press on 17 December 2009.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 Devonport High School for Boys have participated in the School Travel Plan programme since 2006. At present they are the only school to have completed the level 3 Travel Plan.

3.2 A number of letters have been received from parents, pupils, local residents and Plymouth MP's requesting pedestrian improvement facilities on Paradise Road. The catalyst for these requests was the retirement of the school crossing patrol who had operated the school crossing for a number of years.

3.3 Works have been undertaken to design the most suitable solution for improving pedestrian crossing facilities in the vicinity of the school. The proposed zebra crossing will increase the ease and safety of crossing Paradise Road for School children and local residents. The benefit of the crossing in this location will improve access to the school and local bus stops in the surrounding area.

4.0 COMMENTS

4.1 All comments received as part of the formal advert will be reported verbally at the Area Committee Meeting in January 2010.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

5.1 It is recommended that the proposed zebra crossing and associated works on Paradise Road are implemented as part of the 2009-2010 programme of works.

6.0 PROGRAM OF WORKS

6.1 Construction works for Paradise Road are currently programmed for week beginning 15 March 2010, however; this is subject to confirmation. All ward members, local residents, bus operators and the school will be updated when the construction date is confirmed.

APPENDIX 1

