



**High Street - pedestrian dropped crossings with tactile paving**

**Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration**

**1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek approval for the introduction of two pedestrian dropped crossings.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Over the last couple of years SMBC have received several enquiries in regard to the lack of crossing facilities for disabled persons on High Street, Stockport. Located in the town, High Street is a one-way street with a continuous footway only to one side and the provision for disabled persons at crossing points are only positioned at either end of the street.

Located on this street are centres for Disability Stockport, the Probation office and on-street pay and display parking facilities. Thus, should be accessible to all.

**3. PROPOSALS**

- 3.1. To introduce two pedestrian tactile dropped crossings on High Street, as shown on **Drawing No. NM18-6330-01**, which will help facilitate mobility/visually impaired persons to manoeuvre through the route at identified crossing points, with two locations identified being;

1. existing access across the Probation office car park access
2. existing crossing to Disability Stockport's car park access.

- 3.2. The Council has a duty of care for the general public and to make accessibility to all. Thus, if nothing is done to alleviate any potential difficulties in accessing High street, there is the possibility that the council are preventing access for residents and visitors alike with impaired vision and mobility.

- 3.3. The Cabinet member has indicated that she is in support of the above scheme.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. The estimated cost of the scheme is as follows:

Tactile Pedestrian crossings (2 sets)	
Installation & associated works	£5200
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>£5200</u></b>

To be funded from the Strategic Budget.

## **5. EQUALITIES/COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

### 5.1. Equal Opportunities

- To provide a suitable and safer environment for pedestrians and other road users. The scheme contributes to the Council's vision statement "Promote equal life outcomes for all by tackling known inequalities across the borough of Stockport".

### 5.2. Sustainable Environment

- To develop and sustain a healthy, safe and attractive local environment which contributes to Stockport. Stockport Council understands the responsibility it must lead by example and help the broader community make a positive contribution to the local environment.

## **6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1. The Area Committee makes a decision on approving the scheme and said costs for the works as shown in **Appendix A**.

### **Background Papers**

There are no background papers to this report.

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