

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Cheadle Towns Fund – Walking and Cycling Measures – Proposed Sparrow Crossing, Cheadle Road, Cheadle

Report to: (a) Cheadle Area Committee
2022

Date: Tuesday, 8 March

Report of: (b) Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

Key Decision: (c) **NO / ~~YES~~** (Please circle)

Forward Plan ☐ General Exception ☐ Special Urgency ☐ (Tick box)

Summary:

The Area Committee is asked to comment on this report and give approval to the proposed sparrow crossing and the legal advertising of the associated Traffic Regulation Orders relating to Local Distributor and Local Access Roads (contained in Appendix C).

Recommendation(s):

The Area Committee is asked to comment on this report and recommend that the Cabinet Member (Economy and Regeneration) give approval to the proposals for the scheme between Shiers Drive and Bruntwood Lane including the controlled crossing of Cheadle Road as shown in Appendix B;

That the Area Committee approves the legal advertising of the associated Traffic Regulation Orders relating to Local Distributor and Local Access Roads (contained in Appendix C);

That the Area Committee recommend that the Cabinet Member (Economy and Regeneration) gives approval for the legal advertising of the associated Traffic Regulation Orders relating to Strategic Highways and District Distributor Roads (contained in Appendix C) and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the orders.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): **(d)**
Communities & Housing Scrutiny Committee

Background Papers (if report for publication): **(e)**

There are none.

Contact person for accessing
background papers and discussing the report

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‘Urgent Business’: (f) **YES / NO** (please circle)

Certification (if applicable)

This report should be considered as ‘urgent business’ and the decision exempted from ‘call-in’ for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor _____ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on _____ /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.

Cheadle Towns Fund – Walking and Cycling Measures – Proposed Sparrow Crossing, Cheadle Road, Cheadle

Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 In November 2021 Cheadle Area Committee and the Cabinet Member (Economy and Regeneration) approved a scheme, as part of the cycling and walking measures associated with the proposed Cheadle Railway station, to provide a Toucan Crossing on Cheadle Road, adjacent to Shiers Drive.
- 1.2 Since approval was given TfGM indicated that additional funding may be made available to upgrade the crossing to a segregated layout and therefore the design team have now developed a 'Sparrow' Crossing design, where pedestrians and cyclists cross at the same time but segregated from one another. The introduction of segregation at this crossing will provide an enhanced facility and further improve the attractiveness of the route for pedestrians and cyclists alike.
- 1.3 A localised public consultation was held in February 2022 with the immediate frontages on Cheadle Road, Life Leisure Cheadle, The Village Hotel, Excel Dental and Royal Mail to gauge their opinion on the revised proposals. This report details the results of this consultation and provides further information with regards to how the scheme will be developed.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. A public consultation exercise was undertaken with key stakeholders in the vicinity of the proposed sparrow crossing between Friday 11th February 2022 and Friday 25th February 2022.
- 2.2. A copy of the consultation letter and plan are included in Appendix A.
- 2.3. A description of how the proposals differ to the previously approved Toucan crossing is provided below:
 - Widening of the crossing to facilitate segregated pedestrian and cycle use. The crossing needs to be re-located to the east of the proposed location of the Toucan crossing so that there is sufficient space on the north footway to allow for the segregated facilities.
 - Reconfiguration of the existing service road in front of 2-4 Cheadle Road to accommodate the widened crossing and adjoining cycle track (see below). Driveway accesses are maintained and there is an opportunity for an extended green area in between, with additional planting.
 - The introduction of segregated 2-way cycle track connections between the crossing, Shiers Drive and Bruntwood Lane. This involves some tree and vegetation clearance adjacent to the path to Bruntwood Lane.

- Cycling is still proposed to be on a shared path along Shiers Drive into Brookfields Park, and on-carriageway along Bruntwood Lane.

2.4. Relocation of the post box, a new location for this will be agreed with Royal Mail.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1. The proposed Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) are included in the schedule within Appendix C.
- 3.2. In addition to the proposed TROs associated with the sparrow crossing on Cheadle Road, a further TRO has been included which relates to the proposed sparrow crossing on Stockport Road. The Prohibition of Driving relating to Queens Gardens was missed off the schedule previously approved in November 2021 and therefore approval is now being sought for this, see Appendix C.

4. LEGAL POSITION/IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. The Traffic Management Orders would be made under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Council is required by the Local Authorities Traffic Order (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 to give notice of its intention to make a Traffic Order (by publishing a draft traffic order). These regulations also require the Council to consider any representations received as a result of publishing the draft Order.

5. CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

- 5.1. In November 2021 Cheadle Area Committee and the Cabinet Member (Economy and Regeneration) approved a scheme, as part of the cycling and walking measures associated with the proposed Cheadle Railway station, to provide a Toucan Crossing on Cheadle Road, adjacent to Shiers Drive.
- 5.2. Since approval was given TfGM indicated that additional funding may be made available to upgrade the crossing to a segregated layout and therefore the design team have now developed a 'Sparrow' Crossing design

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1. The public consultation exercise invited members of the public and stakeholders to provide comments on the proposals. In addition the letter invited any members of the public that wished to do so to a site meeting to discuss issues further. A site meeting with three residents took place on 23rd February 2022 and the following bullet points summarise both the written responses received and comments made during the site meeting:
- 6.2. There were four responses to the consultation these are summarised below and the design team response is provided in italics;
- A resident of Cheadle Road raised concerns regarding access to their driveway when the service road is reconfigured. They felt the new kerbline would restrict the left turn into their driveway resulting in them having to brake sharply, at risk of shunt collisions. In addition they felt that the removal of the central hatching would leave their vehicle

exposed to further shunt collisions when turning right into their driveway. They were also concerned about the loss of trees and the speed of vehicles on Cheadle Road.

The design team have checked the swept paths into/out of the private driveways and there should be no issues, however, it has been agreed that prior to construction the new kerb line will be marked out on site so that the resident can trial the new manoeuvre in/out of their driveway.

For every tree removed this will be replaced with two new trees. Where possible these will be replaced within the scheme area.

The narrowing of the carriageway and installation of the new sparrow crossing infrastructure should reduce vehicle speeds on Cheadle Road.

- A resident from Bruntwood Lane raised concerns with regards to the post box being relocated too far from its existing location.

Consultation is ongoing with Royal Mail with regards to where the post box is located. Currently the preferred location is adjacent to No. 10 Cheadle Road, close to the bus stop.

- A resident from Cheadle Road queried whether a dropped crossing for their driveway could be provided as part of the scheme.

The resident was advised that planning permission may be needed for this work.

- One response received was not related to the proposed sparrow crossing but the measures proposed on Oak Road.

A response will be provided.

6.3. Following the consultation exercise, it is recommended that the proposed works to Shiers Drive, Cheadle Road and Bruntwood Lane should be progressed to detailed design for construction based on Drawing Ref F/0292/C/100/006 in Appendix B.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1. The cost for implementing the measures will be funded from the Cheadle Towns Fund.

8. TIMESCALES

8.1. It is anticipated that construction will commence in July 2022.

9. EQUALITIES/COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

9.1. 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".

9.2. Sustainable Environment

- To develop and sustain a healthy, safe and attractive local environment which contributes to Stockport. Stockport Council understands the responsibility it has

to lead by example and help the broader community make a positive contribution to the local environment.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1. The Area Committee is asked to comment on this report and recommend that the Cabinet Member (Economy and Regeneration) give approval to the proposals for the scheme between Shiers Drive and Bruntwood Lane including the controlled crossing of Cheadle Road as shown in Appendix B;
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Background Papers

There are no background papers to this report.

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