

**STOCKPORT COUNCIL**  
**EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET**

**Subject: Feasibility Funding Request - Bramley Close, Bramhall**

**Report to: (a)** Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee  
Thursday, 22 June 2023

**Date:**

**Report of: (b)** Director for Place Management

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

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

**Summary:**

To request funding to enable feasibility studies to be carried out following a request to improve the highway layout on Bramley Close by creating safer crossing point(s).

**Recommendation(s):**

The Director for Place Management requests that the Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee approve funding in the amount of £2,500 (from the Bramhall South & Woodford Ward Delegated Ward Budget) to enable feasibility studies to be carried out following the receipt of a request to improve the highway layout on Bramley Close, Bramhall and create safer crossing points.

**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.

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**Report of the Director for Place Management**

**1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To request funding to enable feasibility studies to be carried out following a request to improve the highway layout on Bramley Close and create safer crossing points.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. Bramley Close is small one-way road located within the Bramhall South & Woodford ward and is the access point to Bramhall Library, Bramhall Health Centre, 1<sup>st</sup> Bramhall Scout Group, 55 Woodford & Bramhall Squadron Air Training Corps and Bramley Close Car Park, which is open to the public 24/7. It is also access to a small number of residential properties.
- 2.2. There is only one footway on Bramley Close except for when you approach the Health Centre, when a second footway becomes available however, this is only for a short distance (25 metres approximately).
- 2.3. The carriageway width of Bramley Close is rather narrow, measuring less than 4 metres at its narrowest point and recently, had a reduced speed limit of 20mph introduced by way of a Moving Traffic Regulation Order.
- 2.4. Residents have long requested a footpath on both sides of Bramley Close together with safer crossing points.
- 2.5. Initially, it had been intended that improvements to the footway would be carried out as part of the S278 development agreement. However, following conversations with the Councils Planning Department and the Developer there have been no timelines for the implementation of the proposed footways. Furthermore, it has since been noted that the land is currently up for sale.

**3. PROPOSALS**

- 3.1. Due to the status of the S278 works, and for any crossing scheme to be taken forward we would be required to build on both sides of Bramley Close, to ensure a safer crossing point. We would need to investigate something independent from the approved planning application, whilst at the same time taking into account the possible improvements if the development is implemented at a later date. This will require:
- Consultation with the Library, Health centre, Scout Group etc. to determine the type and size of vehicle's used.
  - Feasibility design drawings
  - Swept Paths
  - Statutory Service Searches
  - Liaise with statutory undertakers (possible diversions)

- Drainage and Lighting Surveys
- Topographical Survey

Whilst some of this can be done by Network Management, we would require assistance from other engineers to develop a feasibility, to advise on options, possible costs, and available funding streams.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. As stated, some of the works can be done by Network Management. Therefore, advise feasibility could be carried out at a cost of £2,500, be funded by the Bramhall South & Woodford delegated ward budget.

#### **5. TIMESCALES**

- 5.1. For the outcome of the feasibility - Summer 2023.

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

##### **6.1. 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".

##### **6.2. 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.

#### **7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 The Director for Place Management requests that the Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee approve funding in the amount of £2,500 (from the Bramhall South & Woodford Ward Delegated Ward Budget) to enable feasibility studies to be carried out following the receipt of a request to improve the highway layout on Bramley Close, Bramhall and create safer crossing points.

#### **Background Papers**

There are no background papers to this report.

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