

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Mayor’s Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund – Bee Network Crossings-Edgeley Road / Dale Street.

Report to: (a) Central Stockport Area Committee **Date:** Thursday 19 October 2023

Report of: (b) Director of Place Management

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

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

Summary: Members are requested to consider the contents of the report, noting the results of the most recent consultation exercise (August 2023) carried out with residents who would be directly affected by the proposals of the above scheme, and to recommend that the Cabinet Member (Parks, Highways & Transportation) approves the proposed measures.

Recommendation(s): The Area Committee is recommended to request that the Cabinet Member (Parks, Highways & Transportation) approves the implementation of the scheme with all arms of the junction and with pedestrian crossing provision included, to be funded subject to approval from the MCF Capital Fund.

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

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

There are none.

Contact person for accessing background papers and discussing the report **Officer:** Nick Whelan

‘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.

Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund – Bee Network Crossings- Edgeley Road / Dale Street.

Report of the Director of Place Management

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Members are requested to consider the contents of the report, noting the results of the most recent consultation exercise (August 2023) carried out with residents who would be directly affected by the proposals of the above scheme, and to recommend that the Cabinet Member (Economy & Regeneration) approves the proposed measures.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Work has started on a Greater Manchester wide programme to make journeys on foot or by bike easier and more attractive. Greater Manchester's Cycling and Walking Commissioner has unveiled an innovative new plan to create a city region wide cycling and walking network that includes Stockport. The Bee Network will consist of more than 1800 miles of routes and will be the largest joined up system of walking and cycling routes in the UK.
- 2.2. In support of this ambition, the Mayor of Greater Manchester has allocated £160 million to the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund. This has been made possible thanks to the national government's Transforming Cities Fund, which is investing in public and sustainable transport to improve productivity and spread prosperity. In Stockport, as part of Phase 3 delivery of the Bee Network Crossings project, two schemes have been awarded funding to deliver improvements to walking, wheeling and cycling within the district, both of these scheme locations have been summarised in Table 1, below.

Table 1: Location of Crossing Schemes

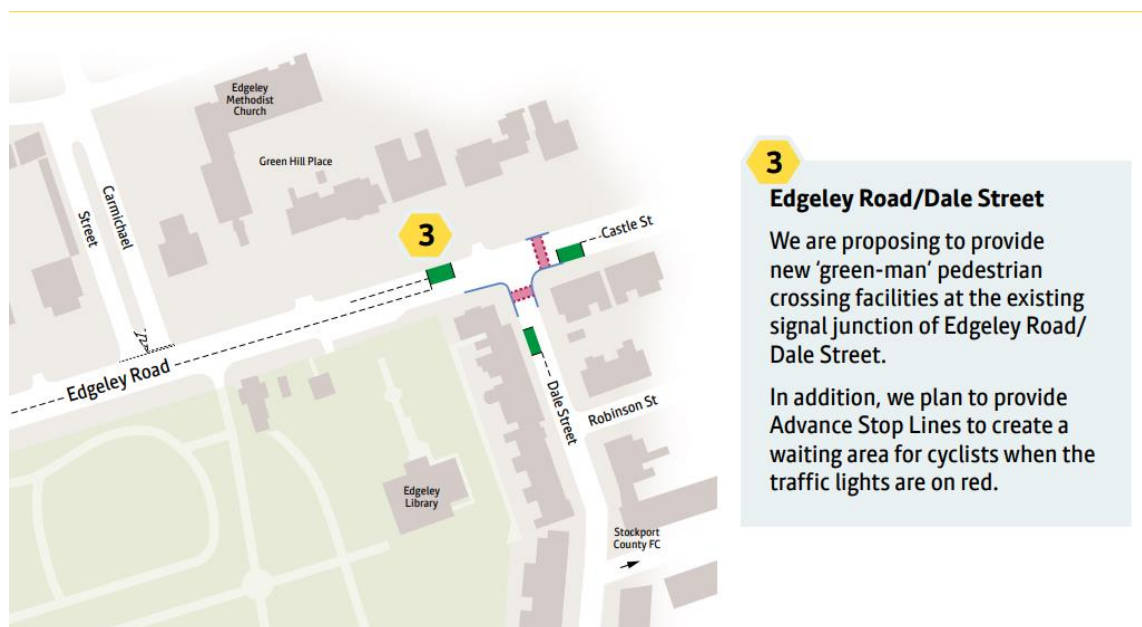
District & Scheme	Location Description
STOCKPORT Edgeley Road / Dale Street	Situated in the Ward of Edgeley, Southwest of Stockport Town Centre the scheme involves the installation of new pedestrian facilities at the Edgeley Road and Dale Street junction.
STOCKPORT Broadstone Road / Broadstone Hall Road N / Broadstone Hall Road S	Scheme is the Ward of Heaton Chapel, North of Stockport Town Centre and involves the installation of a new junction at the Broadstone Road, Broadstone Hall Road N and Broadstone Hall Road S junction.

- 2.3. A public consultation regarding the scheme proposals was carried out on behalf of Stockport Council by TfGM between 15th June and 5th July 2022, however at the time of the consultation, the Edgeley Road / Dale Street scheme only included

proposed pedestrian crossings at two arms of the junction (see image 1), not pedestrian crossing provision on all three arms as currently being proposed.

- 2.4. Following the feedback from the original consultation and to improve the safety of the junction, a decision was made to include an additional pedestrian crossing on the western arm of the Edgeley Road / Dale Street junction. As such, TfGM were then required to carry out a second consultation to understand whether the residents, who would be directly affected by the proposals, would be in support of the additional measures being included in the scheme's delivery. A further consultation was therefore held in August 2023, with the scheme proposals sent to four households immediately adjacent to the proposed crossing for comment.

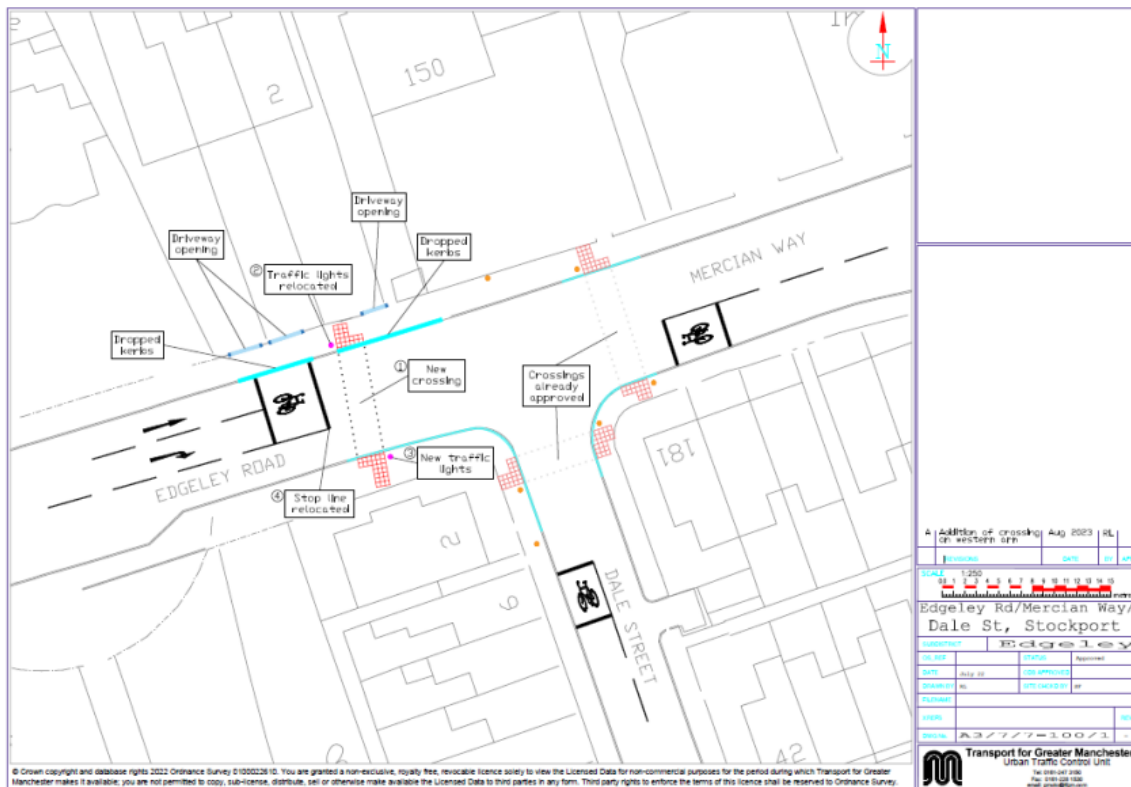
Image 1: Consultation leaflet from 2022



3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1. The scheme is proposed to upgrade facilities at the Dale Street / Edgeley Road / Mercian Way signalised crossing to include pedestrian controlled crossings on all arms of the junction. This would further improve pedestrian access to Castle St, Alexandra Park, and the local library.
- 3.2. This scheme forms part of a programme of works to make walking, wheeling and cycle trips much easier, safer, and more attractive, especially for local trips. The introduction of this new crossing would enable people to cross all arms of the junction safely, with the key changes being:
- Addition of a pedestrian crossing at the traffic lights on Edgeley Road on west arm of the junction (No.1 as shown on the plan below).
 - A traffic light pole to be moved further west (No.2).
 - A new traffic light and pole on Edgeley Road outside of 2 Dale Street (No.3).
 - The traffic stop line to be moved approximately 2 metres further west (No.4).

Image 2: New pedestrian crossing on Edgeley Road / Dale Street



4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1. A public consultation regarding the original scheme proposals (crossing provision on two arms of the junction only) was carried out on behalf of Stockport Council by TfGM between 15th June and 5th July 2022.
- 4.2. Most respondents (80%) to the online survey agreed with the proposals for new 'green man' crossings at the existing Edgeley Road / Dale Street traffic signals, with 9% disagreeing or strongly disagreeing. Of those that supported the proposals the main reasons given (by 35 respondents) related to road safety improvements. Those that disagreed mainly cited concerns about the cost and expressed the view that money would be better spent elsewhere.
- 4.3. Following the approval of MCF Bee Network Crossings Phase 3 Full Business Case, which confirmed that the scheme would be funded and proceed to full delivery, a further consultation was held between 22nd August and 4th September 2023 to consult with residents on the proposal to include a new signal-controlled pedestrian crossing at the traffic lights outside of their properties.
- 4.4. The four households who would be directly affected by the proposals were consulted on the changes to the scheme.
- 4.5. Following the consultation, TfGM did not receive any comments from three of the four households regarding the proposals. One resident asked whether they would be able to access their property whilst the works were being carried out.

5. ROAD SAFETY AUDIT

- 5.1. A Road Safety Audit (RSA) Stage 1-2 was carried out for the MCF Bee Network crossing on Edgeley Road at the junction with Dale Street (Traffic Signal Upgrade). There were no safety issues raised.

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. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. The scheme is to be funded subject to approval from the MCF Capital fund. Please note that approval of any scheme or part of scheme does not guarantee that sufficient finance will be available to implement it.

8. TIMESCALES

- 8.1. If approved, the scheme is programmed for construction in January 2024, with the scheme required to be completed by March 2024.

9. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1. The Area Committee is asked to comment on this report and recommend that the Cabinet Member (Parks, Highways & Transportation Services) approves the implementation of the scheme with all arms of the junction with pedestrian crossing provision included.

Background Papers

Anyone wishing further information please contact Nick Whelan 0161 474 4907 | nick.whelan@stockport.gov.uk

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1. Appendix 1: Letter sent to residents as part of the second consultation held



CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS ENCLOSED

August 2023

Dear Occupier,

Consultation on a new crossing proposal – Edgeley Road / Dale Street

We would like to inform you of a proposal to add a new signal-controlled pedestrian crossing at the traffic lights outside of your property. You may recall being consulted last year on the proposal to add new crossings on the east and south arms of the junction; the new proposal also adds a crossing on the west arm of Edgeley Road.

This scheme forms part of a programme of works to make walking, wheeling and cycle trips much easier, safer, and more attractive, especially for local trips. The introduction of this new crossing would enable people to cross all arms of the junction safely.

Please find enclosed, with this letter, a plan illustrating the proposals, with the key changes being:

1. Addition of a pedestrian crossing at the traffic lights outside your property.
2. A traffic light pole to be moved further west.
3. A new traffic light and pole on Edgeley Road outside of 2 Dale Street.
4. The traffic stop line to be moved approximately 2 metres further west.

You will continue to be able to use your driveway access under the new proposals.

There will be a consultation period and we are asking for your feedback by **Monday 4 September 2023**.

Please use one of the following methods to let us know if you support the proposal and/or if you have any concerns.

email: customer.relations@tfgm.com

phone: **0161 244 1000**

post: **Bee Networks Crossings – Stockport, 2 Piccadilly Place, Manchester, M1 3BG**

Yours faithfully,

Transport for Greater Manchester

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10.2. Appendix 2: Accompanying scheme drawing that was sent to residents as part of the second consultation.

