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PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – WESTWELLS ROAD, CORSHAM

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the comments received following the formal advertisement of the proposed PUFFIN Crossing.

Relevance to the Council's Business Plan

2. The proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) meets two of the priorities in the Council's Business Plan.
 - Outcome 2 – People in Wiltshire work together to solve problems locally and participate in decisions that affect them.
 - Outcome 6 – People are as protected from harm as possible and feel safe.

Background

3. During the early 2000's, The Ministry of Defence (MoD) undertook a comprehensive redevelopment of its Basil Hill site in Corsham. This enabled them to amalgamate a number of services based in the area to a single site and has resulted in a significant number of employees being based at the site.
4. In 2015/16 representatives from the MoD submitted an issue to the Corsham Area Board outlining their concerns regarding the safety of their employees, as an increase in operations at the Basil Hill site had resulted in the campus expanding onto land on the opposite side of the road from its main site. The consequence of this is that a large number of employees are crossing between the two sites.
5. The Corsham Community Area Transport Group considered the issue at a meeting in Spring 2015 and supported the concern and recommended that Highway Officers undertake a full assessment in line with the Wiltshire Council Practice guide for Pedestrian Crossing.
6. This assessment took place during Autumn 2015, and identified a total of 743 crossing movements taking place. When this data was considered alongside the other collated information, it was considered that a formal pedestrian facility would be of benefit to those wishing to cross the road.

7. As the report was originally commissioned by the Community Area Transport Group, the recommendation was discussed and supported with the proviso that all cost associated with implementation should be underwritten by the MoD.
8. The MoD was informed of this support and the reports recommendation, and subsequently confirmed its commitment to developing a detailed design. Upon substantive completion of the detailed design and identification of the indicative installation costs, the MoD requested that implementation be progressed. This has resulted in the formal consultation for the controlled zone taking place in June/July 2017.

Main Considerations for the Council

9. To consider the comments received during the consultation period. A summary of the issues raised and officer comments are included in **Appendix 1**. Details of the commentators are provided in **Appendix 2**.
10. Corsham Town Council's Planning and Amenity Committee has considered, and supported, the proposal. No response to the proposal has been received from the locally elected Wiltshire Council Member.

Overview and Scrutiny Involvement

11. None has taken place.

Safeguarding Implications

12. There is no risk to the Council as a result of these proposals.

Public Health Implications

13. There are no Public Health risks associated with this proposal.

Corporate Procurement Implications

14. There are none with this proposal.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

15. The installation of infrastructure associated with a formal pedestrian crossing could be considered detrimental to the visual vista and street scene.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

16. There are none with this proposal.

Risk Assessment

17. If schemes, programmed for delivery within the current financial year, are not progressed the Council risks the potential of delayed delivery in subsequent years due to other demands.

Financial Implications

18. As the installation is being funded entirely by the MoD, it is not considered there are any financial implications for this proposal.

Legal Implications

19. There are none with this proposal

Options Considered

20. To:
- (i) Implement the proposals as advertised.
 - (ii) Abandon the proposals.

Reason for Proposals

21. The proposals have been assessed and are in accordance with the Wiltshire Practice guidance for Pedestrian Crossings, and have been supported by the local Community Area Transport Group and Town Council.

Proposals

22. That:
- (i) The proposals be implemented as advertised.
 - (ii) The objectors be informed accordingly.

The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this Report:

None