

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

ITEM 11

MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD
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Request for a contribution towards provision of pedestrian crossing points in Marlborough

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To seek a contribution towards the provision of dropped crossing points in Marlborough

2. Background

- 2.1. The local highways team have received requests for a number of new dropped crossing points to enable wheel chair user to access the High Street from the East side of Marlborough. In order to establish the need of a number of users, officers have met with a group of wheelchair users and together looked at existing facilities and locations where additional crossing points would be suitable.

3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. To ensure that any new locations for crossing points are placed in a safe location and that they will benefit the community.

The following locations have been highlighted;

- Outside the shop in Baylie Acre off North View Place – this is not highway, we believe the footway is owned by Westlea so we will pass on the concerns of wheelchair users to them
- The junction of Blowhorn St with St Martians – 2 sets (one each side of the road)
- Outside York Place in St Martians – 2 sets (one each side of the road)
- The lower end of Kingsbury St – 2 sets (one each side of the road)
- Outside Clarks shop in the High St – 1 set (To enable drivers using the disabled bay to gain access onto the High Street near the bay)

4. Implications

4.1. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

The dropped kerbs will be constructed in accordance with standard highway details and the use of setts to match existing in the High St. There will be no environmental impact associated in their construction or location.

4.2. Financial Implications

The cost of installing dropped kerbs is typically £700 per set (dropped kerbs one side of the road) It is anticipated that it will cost £4900 for these works, plus an additional £500 for traffic management. The local highways office is seeking a contribution of £2000 from the CAT G funds towards the cost of these works.

4.3. Legal Implications

There are no legal implications associated with these works as the works will be on the highway and the local highway authority is the promoter of the works.

4.4. HR Implications

There are no HR implications associated with these works

4.5. Equality and Diversity Implications

The provision of the crossing points will improve access for wheel chair users to gain access into Marlborough High Street.

5. Recommendation

It is recommended that:

An allocation of £2000 is made to the local highways office as a contribution towards the construction of the dropped crossing points.

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Appendices:

Background papers: