

**West Berkshire District Council
Individual Executive Member
Decision Record Sheet**



Forward Plan Reference	ID3206
Service Grouping	

Title:	A329 Oxford Road Pedestrian Crossing Improvement
Recommendation by Officer:	It is recommended that: a traffic signal controlled "Puffin" crossing is installed as proposed in the consultation; the respondents to the consultation are informed accordingly.
Purpose of Recommendation:	To report on consultation responses on proposed pedestrian crossing improvements on the A329 Oxford Road, Purley-on-Thames and recommend whether to proceed with the proposal.
Decision Taken:	<i>(Only to be completed if the decision made differs from the recommendation in the report)</i> As 'Recommendation by Officer' above.
Reason for Decision Taken:	<i>(Only to be completed if the decision made differs from the recommendation in the report)</i> As 'Purpose of Recommendation' above.
Options Considered:	The possibility of constructing a continuous footway on the south side of the A329 connecting Theobald Drive to Roebuck Rise was examined. This is not considered to be feasible due to its impact on the adjacent tree protection area and land ownership issues. The option of an uncontrolled crossing point consisting of a central traffic island and dropped kerbs was investigated. This would involve the construction of a 2m wide (minimum width) pedestrian refuge with 3m running lanes either side of the island. As Oxford Road is currently 6m at this point, this would require widening of the carriageway by a minimum of 2m, plus an additional 2m to construct a footpath on the south side of the road. This widening and footway construction would have a significant impact on the tree preservation order area, would involve the construction of an expensive retaining structure and involve the purchase of land outside the highway boundary. It is also considered that due to the speed and volume of traffic using Oxford Road, a controlled crossing, which does not require vulnerable pedestrians to wait in the centre of the road, is the safer

Date:			
Witnessed by:	on behalf of <i>[Signature]</i> Head of Strategic Support	Print Name: <i>LINDA PHE</i>	
Director or Representative:	Signed: <i>[Signature]</i>	Print Name: <i>don WINDSTANLEY</i>	
Portfolio Member:	Signed: <i>[Signature]</i>	Print Name: <i>ROGER CROFT</i>	
Is the Decision subject to Call In	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Date Decision Made		30 December 2016
Date Decision will be Implemented (5 clear days)		20 December 2016	

I confirm that I have fully advised and have taken account of all the relevant facts in making this decision.

Declarations of Interest:		None
Exempt Information:		None
Background Papers:		Traffic Survey Data
Those Consulted and a Summary of Comments Received:		<p>Members: Councillor Roger Croft</p> <p>Leader of Council: Councillor Emma Webster</p> <p>Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman:</p> <p>Ward Members: Councillor Rick Jones has made no objection at the time of writing. Councillor Tim Metcalfe has made no objection at the time of writing. Councillor Laszlo Zverko (neighbouring ward) has made no objection at the time of writing. Councillor Billy Drummond has "no problem with the proposed crossing, especially if it makes it safer for pedestrians".</p> <p>Spokesperson: Consulted in October 2016 via leaflet drop. See Appendix C for a summary of the responses. Officers Consulted: Mark Edwards, Neil Stacey, Glyn Davis</p> <p>Local Stakeholders: Trade Union: Not applicable</p>
Received:		option.