

# Individual Decision

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| <b>Title of Report:</b>            | <b>Greenham Transport Study – Implementation Stage 1</b>                   |            |                                     |
| <b>Report to be considered by:</b> | <b>Portfolio Member for Highways and Transportation Cllr. Sally Hannon</b> | <b>on:</b> | <b>13<sup>th</sup> January 2005</b> |
| <b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>           | ID0900   |            |                                     |

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## **Purpose of Report:**

To inform the Portfolio Member for Highways and Transportation of the results of the Informal Consultation on two schemes resulting from the Greenham Transport Study and to seek authority to implement the schemes.

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## **Recommended Action:**

That the Portfolio Member resolves that the following schemes be approved for implementation:

1. **Pedestrian and Cycle improvements to New Road Bridleway.**
2. **Provision of a new Toucan Crossing on Greenham Road.**

## **Reason for decision to be taken:**

To progress the findings of the Greenham Transport Study.

## **List of other options considered:**

None Applicable

## **Key background documentation:**

- See paragraph 3.4 for schedule

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## Supporting Information

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### 1. Background

- 1.1 The Greenham Transport Study was undertaken during 2002 and finalised in August 2004. The study proposed a number of integrated transport measures to improve transport links within Greenham, and to help address the increasing level of traffic growth within the area.
- 1.2 Of the proposals highlighted in the study, the following schemes have been consulted on with a view to early implementation:

Greenham Road/Westwood Road Toucan Crossing;  
Pedestrian and Cycle Improvements to New Road Bridleway.

### 2. Drawings of the Proposed Scheme

- Details of the proposed schemes are attached in the following appendices:

**Appendix 1** - Greenham Road/Westwood Road Toucan Crossing;

**Appendix 2** - Pedestrian and Cycle Improvements to New Road Bridleway.

### 3. Consultation

#### 3.1 Greenham Road/Westwood Road Toucan Crossing

- 3.1.1 A Consultation letter and plan was sent to local residents, Greenham Parish Council, Local Councillors and other stakeholders during a three week period from 19<sup>th</sup> November to 10<sup>th</sup> December 2004.

- 3.1.2 No adverse comments have been received in relation to this scheme.

#### 3.2 New Road Bridleway Maintenance/Cycle Improvements

- 3.2.1 A Consultation letter and plan was sent to local residents, Greenham Parish Council, Local Councillors and other stakeholders during a three week period from 19<sup>th</sup> November to 10<sup>th</sup> December 2004.

- 3.2.2 In total three letters were received in response to the consultation. A summary of comments together with Officer's response is detailed in **Appendix 3**.

### 4. Proposed Schemes

#### 4.1 Greenham Road/Westwood Road Toucan Crossing

- 4.1.1 The scheme comprises of the provision of a toucan crossing on Greenham Road between Westwood Road and the Nightingales. It will improve access to Greenham Court Primary School, and to the Nightingales Community Centre. As part of the scheme it is proposed to undertake some footway improvements, and to convert the sections of footway adjacent to the crossing to footway/cycleway.

- 4.1.2 The scheme forms part of a wider strategy to improve pedestrian and cycle links along the length of Greenham Road.

## 4.2 Pedestrian and Cycle Improvements to New Road Bridleway

4.2.1 The central section of New Road is an unmade Bridleway. It is an important link for pedestrians and cyclists between Pigeons Farm, Greenham Common, and the Town Centre. The route is currently overgrown and unlit, which may discourage some potential users of the route, especially at this time of year.

4.2.2 As part of this scheme it is proposed to:

- Trim back and maintain the vegetation on either side of the Bridleway (maintenance will involve hedge laying and gap filling);
- Widen and surface the bridleway. The finished surface will be a resin bonded gravel that will offer a firm textured surface conducive to walking and cycling, which will also be sympathetic to the rural nature of the bridleway;
- Introduce street lighting along the length of the path to allow safe use of the path, and reduce fears over personal safety;
- Provide bollards at either end of the bridleway to prevent use by motor vehicles.

## Appendices

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Appendix 1 – Greenham Road/Westwood Road Toucan Crossing Scheme Drawing (No. 81235/100/01)

Appendix 2 – Pedestrian and Cycle Improvements to New Road Bridleway Scheme Drawing (No. Figure 3)

Appendix 3 – Schedule of respondents comments to the consultation process and officers responses.

## Implications

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| <b>Policy:</b>          | These schemes contribute to the corporate priorities of:<br>(i) - Ensuring the street environment is clean, well maintained and safe<br>(ii) - Improving transportation   |
| <b>Financial:</b>       | Greenham Road/Westwood Road Toucan Crossing – Scheme cost estimated at £65,000.<br><br>Pedestrian and Cycle Improvements to New Road Bridleway – Scheme cost estimated at £70,000.<br><br>Both schemes are to be funded from the Highways and Engineering capital programme for 2004/05 |
| <b>Personnel:</b>       | None arising from this report   |
| <b>Legal:</b>           | None arising from this report   |
| <b>Environmental:</b>   | The schemes will encourage the use of more sustainable modes of transport, and improve the environment for walkers and cyclists in the Greenham area.   |
| <b>Equalities:</b>      | None arising from this report   |
| <b>Partnering:</b>      | None arising from this report   |
| <b>Property:</b>        | None arising from this report   |
| <b>Risk Management:</b> | None arising from this report   |

**Community Safety:** The proposed schemes will improve road safety and reduce fears over personal safety.

## **Consultation Responses**

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**Members:**

**Leader of Council:** Cllr. Royce Longton is happy with the recommended action provided that the Ward Members support the proposals

**Select Committee Chairmen:** Cllr. Brian Bedwell has been consulted and has raised no objection to the scheme.

**Ward Members:** All West Berkshire Council Members representing the Greenham Ward have been consulted and are in favour of the scheme.

**Opposition Spokesperson:** Cllr. Brian Bedwell has been consulted and has raised no objection to the scheme.

**Local Stakeholders:** Consultation responses received are detailed in Annex 3.

Greenham Parish Council  
Spokes  
Adjacent Residents  
Local Councillors  
Greenham Court Primary School  
Emergency Services

**Officers Consulted:** Mark Edwards, Derek Crouch, Mark Cole, Frances Fernandes, Paul Hendry.

**Trade Union:** n.a.