

Individual Decision

Title of Report:	Road Safety Proposals, Hungerford Primary School.		
Report to be considered by:	Cllr. Keith Chopping	on:	20 June 2005
Forward Plan Ref:	ID0957		

Purpose of Report:

To inform the Portfolio Member for Planning and Highways of the results of the Informal Consultation on proposals to improve road safety outside Hungerford Primary School.

Recommended Action:

That the Portfolio Member resolves to approve the implementation of the scheme detailed on drawing no. HPS/100/02; subject to no objections being received from the formal advertisement of the traffic regulation orders, and any amendments resulting from safety audits.

Reason for decision to be taken:

To progress with the scheme as detailed in the body of the report.

List of other options considered:

None applicable.

Key background documentation:

N/A

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Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 Hungerford Primary School is situated on Fairview Road, which is a residential distributor road, running parallel to Hungerford High Street.
- 1.2 Plans for road safety outside the school have been requested by Hungerford Town Council and the Ward Member following concerns expressed by parents attending the school, and the school itself, about the safety of attending school children.
- 1.3 The scheme originally proposed widening the footway outside the school, the provision of chicane/priority working features on Fairview Road to the north and south of the school, and double yellow lines at the junctions with Southview, Fairfields and Clark's Gardens to improve visibility. The chicane features to be combined with raised plateaus creating crossing points.
- 1.4 Local residents and stakeholders were consulted on this original scheme proposal on 24th March 2005 for a period of 4 weeks.
- 1.5 In total 9 responses were received. In the main residents felt that the road safety measures put forward were excessive, and in particular objected to the provision of raised plateaus. They also expressed concern about parent's vehicles blocking driveways when collecting/dropping off children, and that the additional parking restrictions would make this worse.
- 1.6 The scheme was therefore reviewed in consultation with the Town Council and the Ward Members, and the scheme detailed on drawing no. HPS/100/02 was issued for re-consultation to residents and stakeholders during May 2005.
- 1.7 The revised scheme removed the road humps and added driveway protection markings. The southern chicane was also moved southwards adjacent to the local shop on the corner of Clark's Gardens, to coincide with the observed pedestrian desire line. Responses to this consultation exercise have been more favourable.
- 1.8 The scheme forms part of the Capital Programme, and can be wholly funded from a Section 106 contribution which is specifically for the provision of safer routes to school within Hungerford.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Detail of the proposed scheme.

Implications

Policy:	This scheme contributes to the corporate priorities of: (i) CP5 - Ensuring the street environment is clean, well maintained and safe
Financial:	Hungerford Primary School, Road Safety Proposals - £30,000 This scheme has been identified in the Highways and Engineering capital programme for 2005/06, and can be funded from developer contributions.
Personnel:	None arising from this report
Legal:	The proposal is subject to formal consultation and making of Traffic Regulation Orders.

Environmental:	The scheme will improve road safety, and improve conditions for walking to school.
Equalities:	None arising from this report
Partnering:	None arising from this report

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council: Graham Jones has been consulted and has raised no objection to the scheme.

Select Committee Chairmen: Quentin Webb has been consulted and has raised no objection to the scheme.

P&L Committee Chairman (where appropriate): N/A

Ward Members: Both West Berkshire Council Members representing the Hungerford Ward have been consulted and are in favour of the scheme.

Opposition Spokesperson: Cllr Owen Jeffrey has been consulted and has raised no objection to the scheme.

Advisory Members: N/A

Local Stakeholders: The following have been consulted:

- Spokes – Favourable response
- Hungerford Town Council – Favourable response
- Emergency Services – No response
- Weavaway Bus Services – No response
- West Berkshire Disability Alliance – Favourable response
- Local Residents of Fairview Road, Southview and Clark's Gardens

A total of 5 responses have been received from residents to the revised plan, all of which have been generally supportive.

Officers Consulted:

- Mark Cole – Traffic Manager
- Andy Garratt – Principal Engineer, Traffic Management
- Frances Fernandes – Team Leader, Transport Policy
- Phil Frost – Team Leader, Road Safety.

Trade Union: N/A