



CABINET
DECISION NOTICE

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At a special meeting of the Cabinet held on 9th September 2019 the following matters were discussed. The decisions of Cabinet are set out below each item along with reasons for the decision and other options considered.

PRESENT: Councillor Jackson (in the Chair)
Councillors Cracknell, Fenty, Lindley, Procter, Shepherd, Shreeve and S. Swinburn.

DN.39 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence for this meeting.

DN.40 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made with regard to any items on the agenda for this meeting.

DN.41 **TOLL BAR JUNCTION ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS**

Cabinet received a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport seeking approval for the introduction of a signalised pedestrian crossing on the northern arm of the A16.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the proposal for the installation of a Toucan crossing on the northern junction arm of the A16 Louth Road near the junction with Toll Bar roundabout, be approved.**
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy and Growth in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, to commence a procurement exercise for the works arising out of Resolution 1 and make an appropriate award.**
- (3) That the Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer be authorised to complete and execute all documents arising.**
- (4) That the Director of Economy and Growth be authorised to ensure that all ancillary actions are completed.**

REASON FOR DECISION – The provision of a controlled signalised crossing will provide a safe crossing facility to reduce the conflict between pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles, particularly at peak times of the day. The proposed Toucan crossing at Toll Bar will ensure improved provision for the significant volume of pedestrians and cyclists using the Toll Bar junction.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –

The Council could choose not to implement the proposed scheme and do nothing. This option has not been pursued as it would fail to provide improved road safety provision for pedestrians and cyclists using the junction and, as stated in the report, could leave the Council at risk of failing to exercise its statutory duties in respect of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

The Council could choose to provide a Zebra Crossing on the northern arm of the junction. This type of crossing is indicated by alternating black and white stripes on the road, and marked with flashing amber globes on black and white posts on each side of the road. Pedestrians have a right of way when they step onto the crossing, therefore reducing their waiting times.

A Zebra crossing is not recommended for the following reasons:-

- Traffic volume is above that recommended for a zebra crossing
- The unconstrained volume of pedestrians at peak times coincides with peak volume of traffic, resulting in uncontrolled traffic delays

- Increased risk of pedestrian collisions

A signalised Toucan crossing would create provision for both pedestrians and cyclists at Toll Bar, including a significant number of pupils at Tollbar Academy. This was the preferred option.