



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023

## **PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT**

**23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 at 10.30am**

### **Present**

Councillor S Swinburn (in the Chair)

### **Officers in Attendance:**

- Darren Braithwaite (Highway Asset Engineer, Equans)
- Martin Lear (Principal Transport Officer, Equans)
- Sophie Pickerden (Committee Support Officer)
- Keith Thompson (Lead Solicitor)
- Paul Thorpe (Operations Director, Equans)

### **Also in attendance:**

Councillor Holland (Freshney Ward Councillor)

Two members of the public and one member of the press were in attendance at the meeting.

### **PH.ETE.20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence for this meeting.

### **PH.ETE.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest from the portfolio holder in respect of any items on the agenda for this meeting.

The portfolio holder stated that he had initially raised the issue considered in item PH.ETE.26 Speed Limit Order 23-18 Keelby Road, Stallingborough.

## **PH.ETE.22 MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Portfolio Holder Environment and Transport meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023 be agreed as a correct record.

## **PH.ETE.23 PETITION – REQUESTING A ZEBRA CROSSING ON ST NICHOLAS DRIVE, GRIMSBY**

The portfolio holder received a report in response to a petition requesting a Zebra crossing at St Nicholas Drive in Grimsby.

Mr Everett, on behalf of petitioners explained that the petition was asking for the Council to introduce a Zebra crossing at St Nicholas Drive which would help to allay safety concerns. Mr Everett stated that from the time in which he had first submitted the petition, there had been several near misses and he was constantly being asked by residents whether there was any progress regarding the petition. Mr Everett said that it appeared to him that the Council was not willing to construct a Zebra crossing in the area due to the costs of doing so. Mr Everett stated that he also had concerns about the surveys that had been undertaken by Council officers as they were done during the hours of 9am-3pm which completely missed the busier times. Mr Everett explained that he had conducted his own survey which included the busier times and his survey showed significantly higher numbers of people passing by. Mr Everett stated that the nearby school was also encouraging people to park in the car park near the shops, which would also impact how many passers by there would be.

The portfolio holder asked Mr Lear why the survey was undertaken during the out of school hours. Mr Lear explained that the survey was not conducted during school time as there was a School Crossing Patrol Officer on duty in that area at the time of school pick-up and drop-off times.

Councillor Holland spoke as the Ward Councillor for the Freshney Ward. He explained that the issue of the crossing had been raised with him by lots of residents when he first stood for election and also after being elected. Councillor Holland stated that he had attended the Wood Park community group meeting and residents had informed him that they had been waiting for a Zebra crossing to be put in for years. Councillor Holland explained that 1,260 people had signed the petition asking for a Zebra crossing, which clearly showed that they are concerned about safety. Councillor Holland said that even with the Patrol Officer there, the

concerns remained. He said that he was disappointed with the survey that had been conducted, and that the survey should show the numbers of passers by during the busier periods even if the School Crossing Patrol Officer was present during that time. Councillor Holland stated that he understood concerns about the cost of introducing a Zebra crossing, but safety was important, and the Zebra crossing was needed. Councillor Holland stated that the School Crossing Patrol Officer was reporting near misses. He said that whilst he understood there was national guidelines to follow, the Council needed to have a common-sense approach.

The portfolio holder asked Mr Thorpe if the School Crossing Patrol Officer had reported any safety concerns. Mr Thorpe stated, to his knowledge that no safety concerns had been raised by the School Crossing Patrol Officer. The portfolio holder explained that the School Crossing Patrol Officer needed to report any concerns to officers. The portfolio holder said that he would support the officer's recommendation. He stated that the decision was not based on finance but on guidance from professional officers. The portfolio holder referred to the report which stated that there had been no reported collisions in five years and no police reports. He said that he had visited the area and had noticed that the line markings leading up to the specific area didn't seem to be highlighted enough, so he did think there were potential improvements that could be done. The portfolio holder asked officers to look at the line markings and to continue to monitor the area. Mr Thorpe stated that officers would look into that and would speak to the School Crossing Patrol Officer.

RESOLVED – That a scheme to introduce a controlled pedestrian crossing at this location not be progressed at this time but to continue to monitor traffic speeds and volumes along with pedestrian demand and review the situation should further evidence arise of an increase in pedestrian demand or additional road safety concerns being raised.

## **PH.ETE.24 HIGHWAYS WINTER SERVICE POLICY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN (2023-24)**

The portfolio holder received a report seeking approval of the highways winter service policy and operational plan (2023-24).

The portfolio holder queried whether there was the need for some of the larger housing developments to be included in the plan such as the Peter Ward Homes site in Immingham. Mr Braithwaite said that it would continue to be monitored but as the roads on that particular site were local access roads, they were not eligible for gritting under the policy . The portfolio holder said that it was important that housing development sites in Immingham were considered in future years, as well as housing development sites throughout the borough. Mr Thorpe stated that officers did consider the entire borough and would continue to do that as more developments were constructed.

RESOLVED – That the highway winter service policy and operational plan (2023-24) be approved.

**PH.ETE.25 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 23-16: DEANSGATE BRIDGE & CARTERGATE, GRIMSBY – NO WAITING AT ANY TIME**

The Portfolio Holder received a report seeking approval to grant the making of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to replace the current limited waiting restrictions (single yellow lines) with 24-hour Prohibition of Waiting restrictions on Deansgate Bridge, and in and around the nearby junction area with Bargate/Cartergate/Dudley Street and Grosvenor Street.

The portfolio holder stated that it was important that the previous issues raised regarding parking in Grosvenor Street be considered.

RESOLVED –

1. That the revocation of the TRO for the current limited waiting (single yellow line) restrictions - 'No Waiting 8am – 6pm, Mon – Sat', the extent of which is shown indicatively on the drawing to Appendix One of the report now submitted, be approved.
2. That the making of a TRO to introduce 24-hour Prohibition of Waiting (double yellow line) restrictions, the extent of which is shown indicatively on the drawing to Appendix One of the report now submitted, be approved.
3. That, in the event there were unresolved material objections to the Order, these be referred back to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport for determination and a decision as to whether or not the Order be confirmed and executed.

**PH.ETE.26 SPEED LIMIT ORDER 23-18: KEELBY ROAD, STALLINGBOROUGH**

The portfolio holder received a report seeking approval to grant the making of a Speed Limit Order, to make amendments to the current speed limits on Keelby Road, Stallingborough to introduce a 50mph buffer zone between the national speed limit and 40mph zone outside the residents properties.

The portfolio holder sought clarification that the area would be monitored moving forward and that the bollard would be looked at. Mr Thorpe confirmed that the area would be monitored, and that the bollard would be looked at by officers.

RESOLVED –

1. That the making of a Speed Limit Order to revoke a section of the current national speed limit (de-restricted road speed limit) in place on a section of Keelby Road, Stallingborough and introduce a new 50mph Speed Limit as shown indicatively on drawing HD043-22/002 to Appendix One of the report now submitted, be approved.
2. That, in the event there were unresolved material objections to the Order, these be referred back to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport for determination and a decision as to whether or not the Order be confirmed and executed.

There being no further business, the Portfolio Holder closed the meeting at 10.57 a.m.