



Officer Decision Report

Title: Denham Local Priority Scheme

Date decision taken:

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Local Members Affected Councillors; Paul Bass, Santokh Chhokar, Guy Hollis

Decision

Approval to proceed to Statutory Consultation and advertisement for the proposals in the New Denham area.

Reasons for the decision

Background

Following S106 contributions to Buckinghamshire Council, Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) contacted Denham Parish Council and the Local Members of the Denham ward to discuss various options on how the S106 contribution could be utilised. It has been agreed with the working group, that comprises of local Buckinghamshire Councillors and parish council, that the following measures listed below would be taken forward:

- Upgrade the existing pedestrian refuge island on the A4020 Oxford Road, this includes a build out in the Denham shopping parade. The build out will remove two designated parking bays.
- Inclusion of singular designated motorcycle bay.
- Upgrade the uncontrolled crossing point on Willow Avenue.
- Replace the existing bollards on Willow Avenue.
- Resurface expanse of footway.

These proposals have been developed to provide more accessibility to all pedestrians travelling to and from the Denham shopping parade – see proposal in Appendix A. The Equality Act Chapter 2 Section 20 Clause 4 states the following *“where a physical feature puts a disabled person at a substantial disadvantage in relation to a relevant matter in comparison with persons who are not disabled, to take such steps as it is reasonable to have to take to avoid the disadvantage.”*

Buckinghamshire Council have secured funding for the statutory consultation and implementation of the proposals through Community Board.

Authority to take this decision

The council scheme of delegation is contained within the Council’s constitution.

Other options available, and their pros and cons

Following discussions with key stakeholders it was collectively agreed that the measures listed above would be taken forward.

Conflicts of interest

None

Feedback from Consultation

No consultation to date, the statutory consultation is to be undertaken in accordance with The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Feedback from parish and local members (Councillors: Paul Bass, Santokh Chhokar, Guy Hollis) as Table 1 below:

Denham Local Priority Scheme - Feedback from Local Members & Parish Council		
Respondent	Summary of feedback	TfB Comments/Recommendation
Councillor Paul Bass	No comments received	Following review of feedback TfB can confirm that Denham Parish Council are happy to proceed with Option 1 for the Denham Local Priority scheme, TfB are to proceed this to Statutory Consultation.
Councillor Guy Hollis	Dear Daniel, I will defer to the option preferred by my colleagues at the Parish Council and to that end I hope you can expect a timely reply.	
Councillor Santokh Chhokar	Good Afternoon, I am happy to go along with the judgment of DPC colleagues.	
Denham Parish Council	Dear Daniel Thank you for allowing the Parish Council an extension to the closing date for commenting on the design drawings. I can now confirm that Option 1 is the preferred option and look forward to being kept informed of the progress of the statutory consultation process.	

Table 1 - Comments from Local Members & Parish Council

Financial Information

Buckinghamshire Council have secured funding (£90k) for the statutory consultation, design and implementation of the proposals through both the 2022-23 Denham, Gerrards Cross & The Chalfonts Community Board (£40k) and Section 106 Contributions (£50k).

Background papers

- Appendix A – Preliminary Design Drawing
- Appendix B – TRO mapping tile (IH96) showing location of designated motorcycle bay.

Other

Statement of reasons:

These proposals are being promoted under the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which allow the Local Authority to take measures under Section 1 for the following reasons: -

1. For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.

2. For facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).
3. For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

Your questions and views

If you have any questions about the matters contained in this paper, please get in touch with the Contact Officer whose email address is given at the head of the paper.

Approval Signature

Dave Roberts
Head of Highways

Date...20/07/2022....