



# Officer Decision Report

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Blackpond Lane, Farnham Common Footway Extension</b>
<b>Cabinet Member(s):</b>	Councillors David Anthony, Dev Dhillon and Nick Naylor
<b>Contact officer:</b>	Chirag Chavda, Graduate Engineer, Design Services
<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	Farnham Common & Burnham Beeches
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>Approval to proceed to Statutory Consultation and advertisement for the proposals in the Farnham Common &amp; Burnham Beeches Area.</b>
<b>Reason for decision:</b>	Due to the inclusion of a build out for the design on Blackpond Lane, a statutory consultation would be required.

## 1. Background

1.1. Following S106 and Community Board contributions to Buckinghamshire Council, Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) contacted Farnham Royal Parish Council and the Local Members of the Farnham Common & Burnham Beeches Ward to discuss various options on how both contributions would be utilised. It has been agreed with the Working Group (comprised of local Buckinghamshire councillors and parish councillors) that the following measures listed below would be taken forward:

- Construction of a new footway along Blackpond Lane from Seren Place to Southmead Surgery. A build out will also be included in construction.
- Installation and / or replacement of kerbs along the footway.
- Installation of 'SLOW', 'Give Way' triangle and other road markings on approaches to Scotlands Drive and the build out.
- Installation of buff tactile paving to be laid around Scotlands Drive.
- Installation / replacement of priority signs and road narrowing signs on new posts.
- Installation of bollards on build out.

These proposals have been developed to provide residents with a more accessible route to Southmead Surgery, Farnham Common Village Centre and the infant and junior schools north of Farnham Common – see proposal in Appendix A. The Equality Act Chapter 2 Section 20 Clause 4 states that *“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.”*

## **2. Authority to take this decision**

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

## **3. Other options considered**

3.1 None

## **4. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views**

4.1 Key stakeholders, including Farnham Royal Parish Council, all local councillors and the affected residents, have been made aware of this step and have voiced their full support for this scheme.

## **5. Feedback from Consultation**

5.1 No formal consultation has taken place as of yet.

## **6. Financial Implications**

6.1 Buckinghamshire Council has secured funding (£115k) for the statutory consultation, design and implementation of the proposal through both the 2022-23 Beeches Community Board (£76k) and Section 106 Contributions (£39k). There are no financial implications for Buckinghamshire Council.

## **7. Other**

### **7.1 Statement of reason**

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.*

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

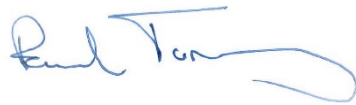
## **8. Your questions and review**

- 8.1 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.

## **9. Background papers**

- 9.1 Appendix A – Preliminary Drawings for Blackpond Lane
- 9.2 Email responses from Community Board Manager and Local Members.

Approval Signature



**Paul Turney**

Commissioning and Contract Manager

Date: 21/09/2022