



## Report to the Leader (Transport portfolio)

**Decision Date:** 2 April 2024

**Reference number:** TR02.24

**Title:** **Picasso Place Raised Table Cycle Crossing**

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**Ward(s) affected:** Aylesbury North - West

### Recommendations:

- a. **The Leader notes the outcome of the public consultation and statutory consultation for the Traffic Regulation Order;**
- b. **The Traffic Calming Proposal be made as advertised at Statutory Consultation: Install a new raised table cycle crossing at Picasso Place, Aylesbury;**
- c. **The Leader delegates authority to the Head of Transport Infrastructure & Delivery to complete detailed design following public feedback;**
- d. **The Leader delegates authority to the Head of Transport Infrastructure & Delivery to approve contractual commitments up to the value of the remaining Active Travel grant to enter a construction contract to deliver the Platinum Way improvements.**

### Reason for decision:

To support the recent changes in legislation, which give priority to pedestrians and cyclists at road crossings and to provide a safer crossing point for cyclists and pedestrians across Picasso Place, mitigating potential hazards for vulnerable users and other persons from traffic using the roads at inappropriate speeds. The new raised table cycle crossing will reduce the potential risk to the cycleway users from the current situation where drivers do not have to give-way or stop for the users present on the Platinum Way Cycleway.

## 1. Executive summary

- 1.1 Following the successful implementation of the 'Emerald Way Improvements Scheme' and rebranding of the route to the Platinum Way in May 2022, the cycleway has seen an increase in users.
- 1.2 Unfortunately, with the increased usage, there has been an emergence of reported 'near misses' involving cyclists/e-scooter users and motor vehicles since the upgrade of the Platinum cycleway at Picasso Place.
- 1.3 After a meeting with local stakeholders, we identified options to improve the safety and route continuity resulting in a public consultation.
- 1.4 The recommendations in this report are following the results of the Statutory Consultation.

## 2. Content of report

- 2.1 Buckinghamshire Council is responsible for the highway network within its boundary; this includes the provision and management of the safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (pedestrians).
- 2.2 The proposed raised table cycle crossing was put to Statutory Consultation between 14th November and 6th December 2023.
- 2.3 Residents that would be affected by the proposed restrictions were directly notified of the consultation in the form of a consultation letter. The Notice of Proposal was published in the local press and attached to selected lamp columns in the immediate vicinity of the proposed raised table.
- 2.4 The consultation and survey were posted online and the details (Annexes 3, 4 and 7 respectively) for this consultation can be found using the link below:  
<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/roads-parking/picasso-place-cycle-crossing-consultation>
- 2.5 Residents and consultees were provided with a copy of the plan showing the proposals (Annex 3).
- 2.6 A total of **13** responses to the Statutory Consultation were received via the online survey, via email and letter.
- 2.7 Buckinghamshire Highways have given careful consideration to each comment and response to the consultation.
- 2.8 A summary of the feedback, recommendations for the scheme, and reason for the recommendations is included in Annex 1.

### **3. Other options considered**

- 3.1 To not proceed, or partially implement any of the proposed measures would not address the issues raised by Members and residents and could potentially lead to more frequent or serious incidents.

### **4. Legal and financial implications**

- 4.1 The Picasso Place Raised Table Cycle Crossing project is fully funded by budget from DfT as part of capital funding award of £1,398,400 for the wider Platinum Way upgrade. This was Buckinghamshire Council's allocation for the Active Travel Tranche 2 funding.
- 4.2 £211,000 budget remains within the approved capital programme for the introduction of the raised crossing and additional improvements along the route.
- 4.3 The current forecast cost for the crossing is £40,000, based on delivery through Buckinghamshire Highways.
- 4.4 Section 122 of the Road Traffic Act 1984 places a duty on Buckinghamshire Council to secure the expeditious, convenient, and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians).
- 4.5 Sections 90A – 90F of The Highways Act 1980 allows Buckinghamshire Council to *construct road humps [...] if the highway is subject to a statutory speed limit [...] of 30 miles per hour or less.*

### **5. Corporate implications**

- 5.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (Annex 6) has been undertaken and the decision is not expected to have any negative impacts on persons with protected characteristics.

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

- 6.1 One of the councillors within Aylesbury Town Council has provided separate feedback outlined in Annex 2 and agrees with the recommendations in this report.
- 6.2 Buckinghamshire Council local Members for Aylesbury north-west were invited to comment on the proposals. No comments were received from Ward councillors.
- 6.3 The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Transport has been consulted and is supportive of the proposals.

- 6.4 A consultation response from Thames Valley Police was received on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. TVP has not objected to the proposals. This feedback has been provided in Annex 1.
- 6.5 A consultation response from NHS South Central Ambulance Service was received on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023. SCAS has objected to the proposal. This feedback has been provided in Annex 1.

## **7. Communication, engagement & further consultation**

- 7.1 Prior to the statutory consultation, communication and engagement have taken place between Buckinghamshire Highways Alliance, residents and local community groups and councillors.
- 7.2 Buckinghamshire Council has engaged with various key stakeholders to ensure that their requirements are met through the delivery of this scheme.
- 7.3 The public consultation took place between 14th November and 6th December 2023.
- 7.4 The consultation was advertised in the local press, through letters to directly affected properties and online via the Your Voice Bucks consultation website.

## **8. Next steps and review**

- 8.1 This report and the decision will be published on the Council's web page.

## **9. Background papers**

- Annex 1 – Summary of responses and recommendations
- Annex 2 – Feedback from Aylesbury Town Council
- Annex 3 – Raised Table Cycle Crossing Plan
- Annex 4 – Statement of Reasons
- Annex 5 – Redacted responses
- Annex 6 – Equality Impact Assessment
- Annex 7 – Residents' Letter

## **10. Your questions and views (for key decisions)**

- 10.1 If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report, please get in touch with the author of this report. If you have any views that you would like the cabinet member to consider, please inform the democratic services team. This can

be done by telephone 01296 382343 or email [democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)  
by 5pm on 27 March 2024.

