

Report to:	Licensing and Regulatory Committee	Date of Meeting:	Monday 1 November 2021
Subject:	Modified signal controlled toucan crossing, A59, Ormskirk Road, Aintree		
Report of:	Head of Highways and Public Protection	Wards Affected:	Molyneux; Park;
Portfolio:	Locality Services		
Is this a Key Decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

To seek Members' approval for the implementation of the relocation of the signal controlled toucan crossing on the A59 in Aintree.

Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that the Head of Highways and Public Protection be authorised to implement the following modifications to the highway:

- (a) Replacement of the existing signal controlled toucan crossing on the A59 southbound with another facility approximately 20m south of the existing one.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

The Council has funding identified within the Transport Capital Programme for 2021-22 to fund Local Safety Schemes. These proposals should both improve safety by minimising the risk of collisions and also reducing maintenance cost.

Licensing and Regulatory Committee have powers to consider the details of improvements to highways and can approve the scheme as proposed or with minor amendments but otherwise must refer the scheme to the Cabinet Member.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

The existing facility could be retained, but there are no obvious solutions such as new signage or carriageway marking amendments which are likely to slow vehicles sufficiently to mitigate the risk of a collision.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

None.

(B) Capital Costs

The cost of the proposals will be met from the Local Safety Scheme allocation within the Transportation Capital programme for 2021-22 as approved by Cabinet Member in October 2021.

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets): None								
Legal Implications: None								
Equality Implications: There are no equality implications								
Climate Emergency Implications: The recommendations within this report will <table border="1"><tr><td>Have a positive impact</td><td>Y/N</td></tr><tr><td>Have a neutral impact</td><td>Y/N</td></tr><tr><td>Have a negative impact</td><td>Y/N</td></tr><tr><td>The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors</td><td>Y/N</td></tr></table>	Have a positive impact	Y/N	Have a neutral impact	Y/N	Have a negative impact	Y/N	The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	Y/N
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Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable: Not applicable
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: Improve conditions for pedestrians crossing the A59 in Aintree
Commission, broker and provide core services: Not applicable
Place – leadership and influencer: Enhances the local environment by promoting

alternative modes of travel.
Drivers of change and reform: Not applicable
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: The route improves the pedestrian link between the residential properties of Netherton and Aintree and the local supermarket.
Greater income for social investment: Not applicable
Cleaner Greener: Supports sustainable travel, particularly walking.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD.6587/21) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD4788/21) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

As the new toucan crossing is intended to replace an existing one, albeit 20m further along the carriageway, and no residential properties were directly affected, it was agreed that no external consultation would be required.

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Committee meeting

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Appendices:

There are no appendices to this report

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1.0 Introduction/ Background

- 1.1 The controlled toucan crossing on the southbound carriageway of the A59 is located on the straight section of carriageway approximately 20m from the end of the circulatory section.
- 1.2 There have been numerous reports over a period of time of damage to the traffic signal poles and guard rails caused mainly by heavy goods vehicles. Whilst there may not have been injury accidents reports to pedestrians in the central reserve waiting to cross the carriageway the collisions do result in costs to the Council in restoring the equipment and street furniture.

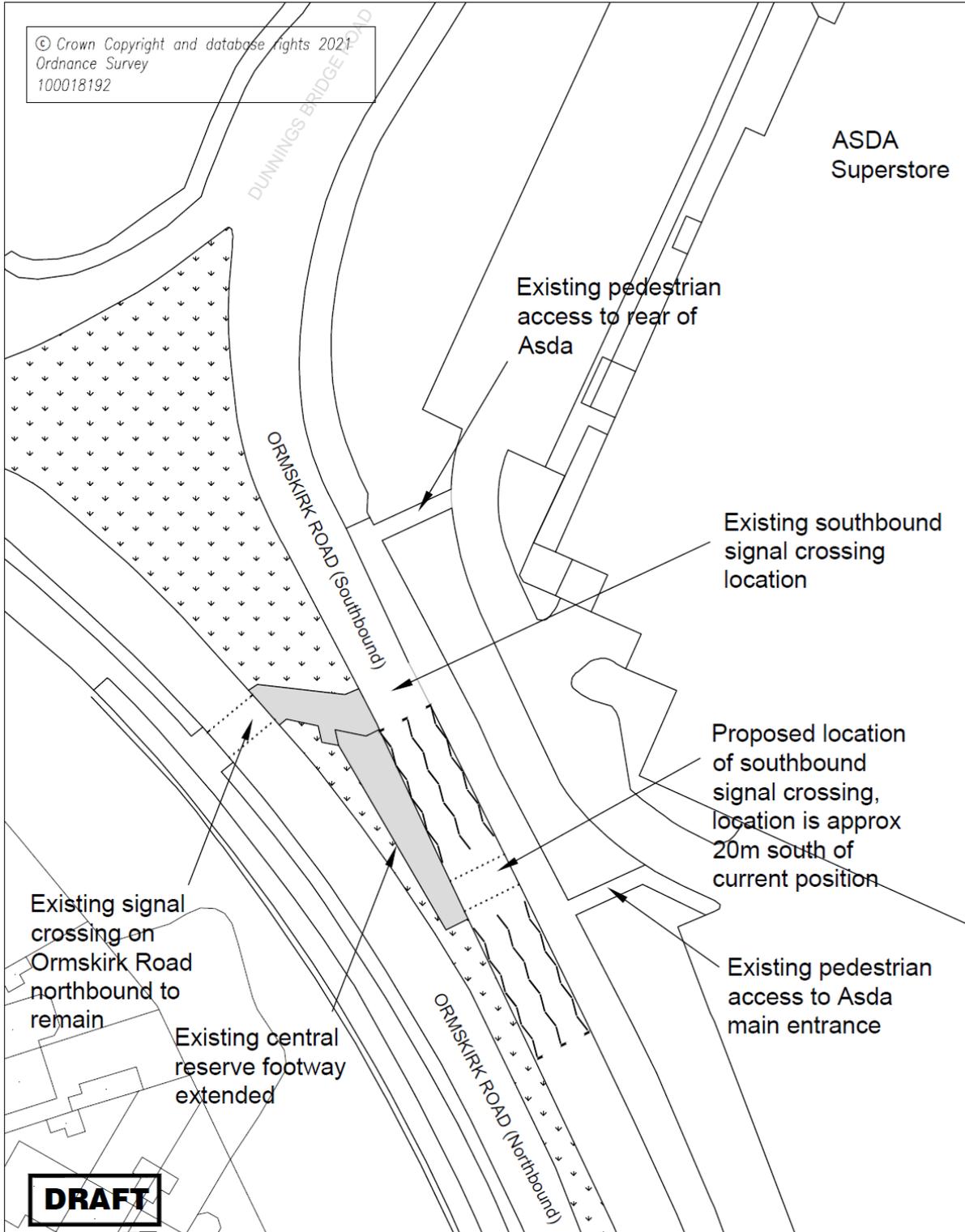
2.0 Proposed Relocation

- 2.1 Whilst driver error and inappropriate speed will almost certainly have been significant factors in the collision, it is recognised that the risk of damage and of serious accidents would be significantly reduced by relocating the crossing 20m further away from the Switch Island junction. This would also align the crossing point nearer to the pedestrian access to Asda.
- 2.2 It is proposed therefore to retain the crossing over the northbound carriageway in its existing location, to extend the paving in the central reserve and to create a new crossing point, over the southbound carriageway. The installation would also include tactile paving and new zig zag markings on the approach to the new crossing. The details are shown in Appendix A.
- 2.3 It is proposed that the works, funded from the Local Safety Scheme budget within the Transport Capital programme, will be implemented before the end of the financial year.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Head of Highways and Public Protection be authorised to implement the following modifications to the highway:
 - (a) Replacement of the existing signal controlled toucan crossing on the A59 southbound with another facility approximately 20m south of the existing one.

Appendix A



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