

Meeting: SEFTON EAST PARISHES AREA COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 21 JANUARY 2010

Title of Report: PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN REFUGE – DAMFIELD LANE, MAGHULL – RESULTS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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This report contains	Yes	No
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Is the decision on this report DELEGATED?		

Purpose of Report

To appraise Members of the results of the recent consultation exercise carried out with residents of property numbers 59 – 108 Hall Lane and 118 – 130 Damfield Lane, Maghull on a proposal to improve an existing traffic island by introducing a pedestrian refuge in its place on Damfield Lane to the side of 63 Hall Lane, Maghull.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that :-

Members indicate the way in which they would wish to see this proposal progressed in accordance with paragraphs 4.2

Corporate Objective Monitoring

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1.	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2.	Creating Safe Communities	√		
3.	Jobs and Prosperity		√	
4.	Improving Health and Well-Being		√	
5.	Environmental Sustainability		√	
6.	Creating Inclusive Communities		√	
7.	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy		√	
8.	Children and Young People		√	

Financial Implications

	2009/ 2010 £	2010/ 2011 £	2011/ 2012 £	2012/ 2013 £
<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>				
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure	12,000			
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources	12,000			
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

Departments consulted in the preparation of this Report

None

List of background papers relied upon in the preparation of this Report

Report to Sefton East Parishes Area Committee, dated 12 November 2009 entitled 'Proposed Pedestrian Refuges – Liverpool Road North, Dodds Lane and Damfield Lane, Maghull'

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At its meeting on 12 November 2009, the Sefton East Parishes Area Committee resolved to progress with a consultation exercise to the frontages of a section of Hall Lane and Damfield Lane, Maghull regarding a proposal to upgrade an existing splitter island into a pedestrian refuge on Damfield Lane located to the side of 63 Hall Lane, Maghull.
- 1.2 14 consultation packs consisting of an information flyer, a questionnaire and a plan showing the proposals was delivered to properties fronting the proposed scheme on Wednesday 11 November 2009, and the closing date for consultation returns was Friday 4 December 2009.
- 1.3 The consultation flyer and questionnaire and plan are attached as Annexes A, B & C.

2.0 CONSULTATION RESULTS

- 2.1 A total of 9 questionnaires were returned by the deadline date, giving a response rate of 64.3%. This is an excellent response rate for the scheme.
- 2.2 Of the 9 questionnaires returned, 6 (66.7%) are in favour and 3 (33.3%) are not in favour of the proposed pedestrian refuge on Damfield Lane located to the side of 63 Hall Lane, Maghull.
- 2.3 Of the 6 respondents in favour of the proposed pedestrian refuge, the following comments/requests were supplied on the questionnaires:
 - 3 supplied no comments or requests
 - The pedestrian refuge will assist pedestrians in crossing at the busy junction was raised twice
 - A request to relocate the bus stop from 108 Hall Lane to a location on Damfield Lane around the bend was raised once
- 2.4 Of the 3 respondents not in favour of the proposed pedestrian refuge, the following comments/requests were supplied on the questionnaires:
 - The existing island at the junction is already unsafe and by introducing a pedestrian refuge here will be dangerous for pedestrians to cross here - was raised three times
 - Need to address traffic flows over the adjacent canal swing bridge – was raised once
 - The guardrail to the side of 63 Hall Lane and frontage to 128 – 130 Damfield Lane needs to remain in place – was raised once

3.0 COMMENTS

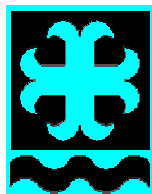
- 3.1 In the consultation exercise, 6 (66.7%) are in favour and 3 (33.3%) are not in favour of the proposed pedestrian refuge on Damfield Lane.
- 3.2 The request for a pedestrian crossing facility was received from local residents for a crossing facility to be provided on Damfield Lane. Subsequently this location was included with the Pedestrian Crossing Review Programme for 2009/10.

- 3.3 The proposal will assist pedestrians that already cross at the splitter island at the junction of Hall Lane/Damfield Lane, by providing a safer facility that will protect pedestrians from passing traffic at this location, and the refuge will be highly visible to all road users on Hall Lane/Damfield Lane.
- 3.4 The proposal will assist pupils of nearby Maricourt High School to walk to and from school, therefore assisting with Maricourt High School's School Travel Plan targets.
- 3.5 The existing guardrail to the side of 63 Hall Lane and frontage to 128 – 130 Damfield Lane needs is to remain in place.
- 3.6 The request to relocate the bus stop from adjacent to 108 Hall Lane to an alternative location further north-west will be investigated with Merseytravel in due course.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 As 66.7% of respondents are in favour of the upgrading the existing splitter island by introducing the proposed pedestrian refuge, it is recommended that approval be given to proceed with the introduction of the pedestrian refuge by the end of the 2009/10 financial year.
- 4.2 In accordance with delegations approved within the Council's Constitution and the protocol agreed with Cabinet Member Technical Services and Area Committee Chairs in Spring 2002 for the progression of Capital Schemes, with regard to this proposal the Area Committee can: -
 - Approve the scheme as proposed above;
 - Approve the scheme with minor amendments; or
 - Refer the scheme to the Cabinet Member Technical Services, indicating the Area Committees view on how the proposal should be progressed.

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PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS DAMFIELD LANE, MAGHULL

CONSULTATION

Residents have contacted the Council to request that the existing splitter island on Damfield Lane close to the junction with Hall Lane be improved to assist pedestrians crossing here, and this location was subsequently included within the Pedestrian Crossing Review Programme for 2009/10.

It is proposed to improve the splitter island to incorporate a wider pedestrian refuge to provide a safer facility for pedestrians to cross at this location. The proposed pedestrian refuge will also include tactile paving to assist visually impaired pedestrians, and its location is indicated on the plan shown overleaf.

In order to report your views back to the 21 January 2010 meeting of the Sefton East Parishes Area Committee, I would be grateful if you could complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it in the pre-paid envelope provided to reach us no later than **Friday, 4 December 2009**.

Should you require any further information please contact Paula Butt on 0151 934 4227. Minicom 0151 934 4218. Please telephone if you require this information in large print, or in any other format.

**Many Thanks,
A. WALLIS
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC REGENERATION**

PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS

DAMFIELD LANE, MAGHULL

QUESTIONNAIRE

Are you in favour of the proposed pedestrian crossing improvements, as shown on the enclosed plan? (Place a tick (✓) in the appropriate box): -

YES

NO

Comments (continue on another sheet of paper if necessary):

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Name:

Address:
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Please complete and return in the pre-paid envelope provided, to reach us no later than **Friday, 4 December 2009**.

Sefton MBC Technical Services Department
Traffic Services Unit - Traffic Management & Road Safety Team

