

Meeting: SEFTON EAST PARISHES AREA COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 21 JANUARY 2010

Title of Report: PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN REFUGES – LIVERPOOL ROAD NORTH & DODDS LANE, MAGHULL – RESULTS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Report of:

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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 frontagers in proximity of the junction of Liverpool Road North and Dodd's Lane, Maghull on a Proposal to introduce a pedestrian refuge island on Liverpool Road North adjacent to the doctors' surgery and in the bellmouth of Dodd's Lane at its junction with Liverpool Road North.

Recommendation(s)

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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 in close proximity of the junction of Liverpool Road North and Dodd's Lane, Maghull.
- 1.2 18 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 11 questionnaires were returned by the deadline date, giving a response rate of 61.1%. This is an excellent response rate for the scheme.
- 2.2 Of the 11 questionnaires returned, 9 (81.8%) are in favour and 2 (18.2%) are not in favour of the two proposed pedestrian refuges.
- 2.3 Of the 11 respondents in favour of the proposed pedestrian refuge, the following comments/requests were supplied on the questionnaires:
 - Five supplied no comments or requests
 - The pedestrian refuge will assist pedestrians in crossing at the busy junction was raised twice
 - A request for a mini roundabout at the junction was raised once
 - The footways in the vicinity of the surgery need levelling and sweeping – was raised once
 - Double yellow lines should be introduced at the junction to prevent parking adjacent to the doctors' surgery - was raised once
 - 'speed ramps' should be installed on Liverpool Road North service road to prevent vehicles speeding along here to avoid traffic queues on the main carriageway – was raised once
- 2.4 Of the 2 respondents not in favour of the proposed pedestrian refuge, the following comments/requests were supplied on the questionnaires:
 - I take my life into my own hands when driving or reversing onto Liverpool Road North, with the speed of the traffic coming from Lydiate area. To have a pedestrian crossing would make it impossible for me to get out – was raised once
 - When there has been a torrential down pour the area between the corner of Dodd's Lane outside the surgery are completely flooded. The road grids will not take the water and it's impossible to walk to the surgery with getting splashed by speeding traffic. 30mph means nothing on the road. Need to issue wellies to pedestrians crossing the road here – was raised once
 - The proposed refuge would work on Liverpool Road North but not on Dodd's Lane. It would be a hazard and danger. I would be getting flattened from cars and wagons off Liverpool Road, just like the refuge by the Loc 8 shop by the Meadows pub – was raised once

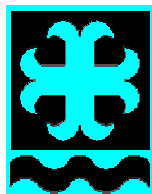
3.0 COMMENTS

- 3.1 In the consultation exercise, 9 (81.8%) are in favour and 2 (18.2%) are not in favour of the two proposed pedestrian refuges.
- 3.2 The request for a pedestrian crossing facility was received from local residents for a crossing facility to be provided in close proximity of the Doctors' surgery on the corner of the junction of Liverpool Road North and Dodd's Lane. Subsequently this location was included with the Pedestrian Crossing Review Programme for 2009/10.
- 3.3 The proposed pedestrian refuges will assist all pedestrians including vulnerable pedestrians and the visually impaired in crossing both wide roads safely and will improve access to the doctors' surgery.
- 3.4 The proposed pedestrian refuge in the bell mouth of Dodd's Lane at its junction with Liverpool Road North will also highlight the junction to road users and will help to prevent any road users from 'cutting corners' when manoeuvring at the junction.
- 3.5 Should approval be obtained for the introduction of the pedestrian refuges, parking surveys will be carried out at the junction to assess the on-street parking associated with the doctors' surgery. If 'At Any Time' restrictions are considered necessary at the junction, a Committee Report outlining their introduction will be submitted to a future meeting of the Sefton East Parishes Area Committee for approval.
- 3.6 With regard to the 'flooding' issues of the highway in the vicinity of the doctors' surgery, this will be raised with the drainage section for further investigation and remediation if necessary.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 As 81.8% of respondents are in favour of the introduction of the proposed pedestrian refuges, it is recommended that approval be given to proceed with the introduction of the pedestrian refuges 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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Director of Planning & Economic Regeneration



PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN REFUGES LIVERPOOL ROAD NORTH & DODDS LANE, MAGHULL CONSULTATION

Residents have contacted the Council to request that pedestrian crossing facilities be provided in the vicinity of the Doctor's surgery on Liverpool Road North and Dodds Lane, and these locations were subsequently included within the Pedestrian Crossing Review Programme for 2009/10.

It is proposed to introduce two pedestrian refuges on Liverpool Road North and Dodds Lane, adjacent to the Doctor's surgery to assist pedestrians to cross at these locations. A plan showing the proposed locations of the two pedestrian refuges is 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
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PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN REFUGES

LIVERPOOL ROAD NORTH & DODDS LANE, MAGHULL

QUESTIONNAIRE

Are you in favour of the proposed pedestrian refuges, 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**

