
Meeting: Traffic Management Meeting
Date: 6 July 2010
Subject: Petition – To Provide Zebra Crossing Ampthill Road Shefford
Report of: Basil Jackson Assistant Director for Highways and Transportation
Summary: The purpose of this report is to present a petition received from residents of Shefford seeking a pedestrian crossing in Ampthill Road and outline resulting actions.

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Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: Shefford

Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

Financial:

None as a result of this report

Legal:

None as a result of this report.

Risk Management:

None as a result of this report.

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

None as a result of this report.

Equalities/Human Rights:

None as a result of this report.

Community Safety:

Pedestrian Crossings would improve safety

Sustainability:

None as a result of this report

RECOMMENDATION(S):

The portfolio holder for safer communities and healthier lifestyles is requested to note the contents of the report .

Background and Information.

1. A petition has been received via Councillor Tony Brown from residents of Shefford requesting a pedestrian crossing point in Ampthill Road in the vicinity of School Lane/Campton Road.
2. Currently there is a zebra crossing in Ampthill Road near Bloomfield Drive that can be used by students to access both Robert Bloomfield Middle School and Shefford Lower. The requested location would be approximately 300m from the existing crossing.
3. There has been 1 recorded injury accident in Ampthill Road at or close to this location in the last 3 years. This was a serious injury accident but is unrelated as it involved a rider passing unattended parked vehicles and hitting the rear of one of them.
4. The process for assessing requests for a pedestrian crossing is that an initial assessment is undertaken and that will result in a ranking that will inform any further action. The initial assessment for this site produces a score of 70 that does not indicate any further intervention at this time.

Conclusion and the way Forward

5. Whilst there is clearly some local concern at the difficulty in crossing this road the assessment process by which all requests are judged does not indicate progression to the next stage which would be the on site inspection followed by a speed and volume traffic count.
6. The site has a vehicle actuated sign in place on the approach from the A507 and a buff patch and school symbol on the road to reinforce the speed message and highlight the presence of children. It is not considered that further action is currently warranted.
7. It is requested that the portfolio holder note the content of this report and that the lead petitioners be advised of the outcome.