

Report to:	<b>Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment</b>
Date	<b>10 October 2005</b>
Report By	<b>Director of Transport and Environment</b>
Title of Report	<b>Petition for pedestrian improvements on Crowhurst Road, Hastings</b>
Purpose of Report	<b>To consider a petition from the Queensway Action Group requesting a pedestrian refuge island on Crowhurst Road between the Robsack Housing Estate and the reservoir near Dogkennel Wood</b>

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

**To advise the petitioners that this location meets the County Council's criterion for further investigation and that the priority for the provision of pedestrian facilities will be considered by the Lead Member at the April 2006 Meeting.**

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### **1. Financial Appraisal**

1.1 There are no specific financial implications at this stage in respect of the recommendations detailed in this report. Funding for pedestrian crossings and refuges is met from the Integrated Transport measures element of the Capital Programme, subject to availability of resources.

### **2. Supporting Information**

2.1 At the County Council meeting on 26 July 2005 Councillor Kramer, on behalf of Councillor Scott, presented a petition to the Chairman requesting a pedestrian refuge island on Queensway, Hastings.

2.2 A copy of the petition is available in the Members' room. Standing Orders provide that where the Chairman considers it appropriate, petitions are considered by the relevant Committee or Lead Member and that a spokesperson for the petitioners be invited to address the Committee. The Chairman has referred this petition to the Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment.

### **3. Comments / Appraisal**

3.1 On 3 March 2003 the Lead Member for Transport and Environment agreed an assessment procedure for prioritising requests for pedestrian facilities to ensure that these are provided on the basis of impartially assessed need. As part of that procedure an initial assessment on any request for pedestrian facilities is undertaken. There are two routes towards a detailed investigation:- (1) where a pedestrian casualty has been recorded, that site will automatically progress to a more detailed investigation; and (2) where there is no pedestrian casualty record, a sample one hour count of pedestrians (P) and vehicles (V) will be undertaken and only sites with a sample  $PV^2$  value in excess of the approved criterion level will be considered for the provision of pedestrian facilities. Research has demonstrated that the  $PV^2$  rating is a realistic and reliable measure of how difficult it is to cross a road.

3.2 Sussex Police records show that one pedestrian casualty has been recorded at this location in the latest three year period. Therefore, the site meets the initial criterion for further consideration of a crossing facility and will be put forward for more detailed investigation, which will involve carrying out a 12 hour count of pedestrians and vehicles in order to determine the value of  $PV^2$  based on the four busiest hours. Priority for construction is then given to the sites with the highest  $PV^2$  values. It is anticipated that the results of the detailed investigation into all sites meeting the initial criterion will be reported to the Lead Member in April 2006 at which time the relative priority of this request in comparison with others in the County will be considered.

#### **4. Conclusion and Reason for Recommendation**

4.1 The site meets the initial qualification criterion for the provision of a pedestrian facility and, therefore, further detailed investigations will be required to determine the relative priority of this request when compared to others in East Sussex.

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#### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Lead Member Report – 3 March 2003 – Pedestrian Crossing Assessment Procedure  
Policy Summary – PS4/7.