

Committee	Lead Member for Transport and Environment
Date	5 December 2005
Report By	Director of Transport and Environment
Title of Report	Petition for pedestrian improvements on Malling Street, Lewes
Purpose of Report	To consider a petition requesting pedestrian crossing facilities on A26 Malling Street, Lewes

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 a crossing will be considered by the Lead Member at the April 2006 Meeting.

1. Financial Appraisal

1.1 There are no additional financial implications at this stage in respect of the recommendations detailed in this report. In the event that the assessment process shows that this site has a high priority it will be a candidate for construction using funds in the Capital Programme from the Local Transport Plan Minor Works allocation.

2. Supporting Information

2.1 At the County Council meeting on 11 October 2005 Councillor St Pierre presented a petition to the Chairman requesting pedestrian crossing facilities on Malling Street, Lewes

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. Where a pedestrian casualty has been recorded, that site will automatically progress to a more detailed investigation. 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 0.2×10^8 will be considered for the provision of pedestrian facilities.

3.2 Sussex Police records show that no pedestrian casualties have been recorded at this location in the latest three year period. Therefore, a sample one hour of pedestrians and vehicles has been undertaken. The survey recorded 12 pedestrians and 2027 vehicles which gives a PV^2 value of 0.49 for this site. 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. 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.