

Report to:	Lead Cabinet Member for Communities and Safety
Date of meeting:	30 January 2020
By:	Director of Communities, Economy and Transport
Title:	Petition for pedestrian crossing – Lindfield Road, Eastbourne
Purpose:	To consider the need for a pedestrian crossing in Lindfield Road, Eastbourne

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Lead Member is recommended to advise petitioners that:

- (1) A potential pedestrian crossing scheme for Lindfield Road has been assessed through our approved High Level Sift process and is not a priority for the County Council at the present time; and
 - (2) Petitioners may wish to consider taking a potential scheme forward through Community Match. A Feasibility Study (at a cost of £500) would be required prior to a Community Match application
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1 Background Information

1.1. At the County Council meeting on 9 July 2019, a petition was presented to the Chairman from a group of residents and parents/carers from the Lindfield Road/Parkland Infant School area of Eastbourne. The group believe that the traffic situation around Lindfield Road, in the vicinity of the Broadway shops, requires urgent review with a view to:

- Implement a pedestrian crossing scheme to improve road safety for pedestrians

1.2 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. The Chairman has referred this petition to the Lead Member for Communities and Safety.

2 Supporting Information

2.1. Lindfield Road is covered by a 30mph speed limit, as indicated by the system of street lighting in the road. Lindfield Road is a residential road and a bus route, and can be used to gain access to The Parkland Federation (infant and junior school) and The Eastbourne Academy (located on Brodrick Road). In addition to this there is a parade of local shops which also includes a large Co-op supermarket. Location plans and images can be found at Appendix A.

2.2. Parking is permitted on both sides of the road, except for within two bus stop clearways. Some of the residential properties have off-street parking facilities and there is a large car park available outside of the Co-op supermarket.

2.3. The crash data supplied by Sussex Police for the period 1 November 2016 to 31 October 2019 shows that there have been no crashes resulting in personal injury within this area of Lindfield Road. This is shown at Appendix B.

2.4. Speed data was collected from the site between 6 September 2019 and 14 September 2019. This indicated that the average speed of traffic was recorded at 23mph (85th percentile

speed of 30 mph) for northbound traffic and 25 mph (85th percentile speed of 31 mph) for southbound traffic.

2.5. The County Council has a limited amount of funding to develop local transport improvements and we need to ensure that we target our resources to those schemes which will be of greatest benefit to our local communities. To help us prioritise the numerous requests received for improvements, we developed a process to determine which schemes should be funded through our Integrated Transport Programme. The request for a pedestrian crossing has been assessed to determine if it might be a priority for further consideration. The proposal did not meet the benchmark score to enable it to be taken forward.

3 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

3.1. It is recommended that the Lead Member for Communities and Safety agrees that the installation of a pedestrian crossing is not presently a priority for funding from the County Council's budget. However, appropriate improvements could be considered should an alternative source of income become available or an application through Community Match was successful.

3.2. In order to determine what measures could be suitable in Lindfield Road, prior to a Community Match application, it is suggested that the residents contact Eastbourne Borough Council to ascertain whether they would be interested in supporting a scheme to try and influence traffic conditions in the road. They would then need to commission a Feasibility Study at a cost of £500 plus VAT. Speed data was collected from the site at the beginning of September 2019. This will help to identify possible improvements for further discussions and provide the group of residents and Eastbourne Borough Council with an estimate of what they might cost to assist in their budget considerations.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None