

Report to: Lead Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment

Date of meeting: 24 October 2022

By: Director of Communities, Economy, and Transport

Title: Petition: Pedestrian crossing outside Cavendish School

Purpose: To consider the need for the provision of a pedestrian crossing in Eldon Road outside of Cavendish School, Eastbourne

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

- (1) A potential scheme to implement a pedestrian crossing outside Cavendish School in Eldon 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) and speed data (at a cost of £422 per site) would be required prior to a Community Match application.**
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1 Background Information

1.1. At the County Council meeting on 12 July 2022, a petition was presented to the Chairman by Councillor Ungar on behalf of a group of residents and parents/carers from the Cavendish School area of Eastbourne. The petitioners have concerns about the traffic situation around Cavendish School, located in Eldon Road, and have requested an urgent review and the installation of a signalised pedestrian crossing.

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

2 Supporting Information

2.1. Eldon Road is covered by a 30mph speed limit, as indicated by the system of street lighting in the road. In addition to Cavendish School, Victoria Baptist Church and an access to Ocklynge Cemetery are located within this section of Eldon Road. A location plan can be found at Appendix 1.

2.2. There are five pedestrian crossing points located on Eldon Road, between Macmillan Drive and Willingdon Road. These are in the form of central islands with tactile paving on the islands and footway on each side of the road. There are also illuminated 'keep left' arrows present. This section of Eldon Road has school warning signs on each approach, and these have recently been referred for replacement as they have become life expired.

2.3. The crash data supplied by Sussex Police for the latest available three-year period up to 31 July 2022 shows that there has been one crash resulting in serious personal injury between Macmillan Drive/Glendale Avenue and Willingdon Road. This is shown at Appendix 2.

2.4. 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.

2.5. A request for a signalised pedestrian crossing on in Eldon Road outside of Cavendish School, Eastbourne has been assessed to determine if it might be a priority for future consideration; however, it did not achieve the benchmark score to be taken forward at this time.

2.6 Although the provision of a signalised pedestrian crossing outside of Cavendish School in Eldon Road is not currently a priority for the County Council, the petitioners may wish to contact Eastbourne Borough Council to determine their interest in a community funded scheme through the Community Match initiative. A Feasibility Study at a cost of £500 and speed data at a cost of £422 per site would be required prior to a Community Match application. This will help to identify possible improvements for further discussions and provide an estimate of what they might cost.

3 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

3.1. It is recommended that the Petitioners be advised that the provision of a signalised pedestrian crossing outside of Cavendish School in Eldon Road is not a priority for the County Council at the present time. However, appropriate improvements could be considered should an alternative source of funding become available.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None