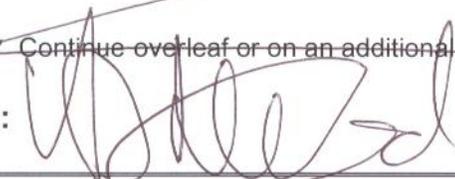


ED2. EXECUTIVE DECISIONS BY A CABINET MEMBER OR AN OFFICER

A. Report Title: Afton Drive – Proposed implementation of Zebra Crossing	
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C. Decision Maker: Andrew Millard	
D. Position held: Head of Strategic Planning and Delivery	
E. Key decision: YES/NO	F. Delegation ref:
G. Is the decision urgent? YES/NO	
H. If yes, state why.	

I. DECISION (strike out whichever does not apply) :	
1. I agree the recommendations in the attached report for the reasons given in the report; OR	
2. *My decision is:	
*The reason for my decision is:	
* Continue overleaf or on an additional sheet if necessary.	
Signed: 	Date: 18-6-10

URGENCY

Democratic Services will arrange for the completion of the following:	
J. I confirm that in my opinion a decision on this matter is urgent and cannot reasonably be delayed:	
Signed:	Date:

To be completed by Democratic Services

Date decision received by Dem. Services:	Date decision published:
Implementation date:	
Relevant O & S Committee:	

June 2010		ITEM
Delegated Decision Report		
ZEBRA CROSSING - AFTON DRIVE, SOUTH OCKENDON		
Portfolio Holder: Cllr Yash Gupta – Environment		
Wards and communities affected: Ockendon Ward and Belhus Ward	Key Decision: No	
Accountable Head of Service: Andrew Millard – Head of Strategic Planning and Delivery		
Accountable Director: Bill Newman - Corporate Director of Sustainable Communities		
This report is Public		
Purpose of Report: To consider an objection to a proposal to implement a zebra crossing on Afton Drive, South Ockendon near to its junction with Alwen Grove.		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1 Objection has been received to the proposal to implement a zebra crossing on Afton Drive, South Ockendon near to its junction with Alwen Grove.

The proposal was made in order to improve pedestrian and disabled access to the Surestart Centre.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1.1 It is recommended that the objection is over-ruled and the zebra crossing is implemented on Afton Drive, South Ockendon near to its junction with Alwen Grove.**

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 2.1 In March 2008 a site investigation was carried out, at the request of a disabled resident from Dart Green as there were concerns that wheelchair users**

wishing to cross Afton Drive to gain access to the Surestart centre had no dropped kerb facilities. Parked cars in the vicinity also presented a problem.

- 2.2 In July 2008 Surestart wrote to the Engineering Department also requesting that a pedestrian crossing or crossing facility is implemented along Afton drive, south Ockendon, as there are currently no crossing facilities to assist pedestrian access to the Surestart Centre. The Surestart Centre is adjacent to Shaw Primary School. A Zebra Crossing at the proposed location would therefore serve both premises. One of the students due to attend the school is a wheelchair user.
- 2.3 An allocation of £17,000.00 was made available within the 2008/2009 programme for a zebra crossing to be implemented on Afton Drive, South Ockendon. This funded a traffic survey and the remainder of the allocation was carried over to the 2009/2010 programme (£16,400).
- 2.4 The Public Notice advertising the Council's intention to implement a Zebra Crossing was advertised on 20/02/2009 and placed on site.
- 2.5 During the 21 day statutory consultation period, one objection was received.
- 2.6 The nature of the objection was that the objector would like a Zebra crossing to be implemented at the junction with Broxburn Drive instead of by the Surestart Centre. This area already has some crossing facilities in the vicinity. No previous requests have been received for a Zebra to be placed at this location.
- 2.7 No personal injury accidents have occurred in the vicinity of the school and Surestart Centre between 01/01/2006 and 30/09/2009.

3. ISSUES AND/OR OPTIONS:

- 3.1 Should a Zebra crossing be implemented at the proposed location, kerb build outs would be incorporated on both sides to allow for visibility as there are parking lay-bys on each side of the road.
- 3.2 The cost of implementing the Zebra crossing is approximately £20,000. £16,400 is available within the rolled over allocation. The remaining £3,500 could be funded from Horndon on the Hill - E1829 9881 T1006 which is under spent.

4. CONSULTATION (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

- 4.1 Ward Members were consulted on the content of this report between 09/06/2010 and 15/06/2010. Cllrs C Curtis, Cllr Gray and Cllr Arnold have given their support of the proposal.

5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES, PRIORITIES, PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

- 5.1 These actions accord with the Council priorities to create a safer environment

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial

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£16,400 was carried forward from the 08/09 Integrated Transport Programme.

The remaining £3,500 funds needed to implement a Zebra crossing could be funded from Horndon on the Hill - E1829 9881 T1006 which is under spent.

6.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Alison Stuart**
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Pedestrian crossing facilities are provided under powers contained in Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, subject to Regulations made by the Secretary of State.

The statutory notice of intention to implement a Zebra crossing was advertised on 20th February 2009 and the statutory consultation period has been followed. There are no other legal implications to consider.

6.3 Diversity and Equality

Implications verified by: **Samson DeAlyn**
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The implementation of a zebra crossing will improve accessibility and visibility for all pedestrians and will particularly assist wheelchair and motorised scooter users, as well young people and children accessing Shaw Primary School and the Surestart Centre.

6.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Section 17, Risk Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, Sustainability, IT, Environmental

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7. CONCLUSION

7.1 It is recommended that the objection is over-ruled and the zebra crossing is implemented on Afton Drive, South Ockendon by its junction with Alwen Grove.

BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT:

- Letter of objection

APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:

- None

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