

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – JOBS, ECONOMY AND  
TRANSPORT**

**10 September 2013**

Report of the Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services

**MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN  
CAPITAL PROGRAMME  
2012 - 2013**

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To request minor modifications/redistribution of the budget for a proposed traffic signal scheme at St Augustines Road junction with Boythorpe Road, Chesterfield. This scheme is currently within the Better Safety and Security Strategy, Evidence Based Casualty Reduction Initiatives of the Local Transport Plan (LTP) Capital Programme for 2012 – 2013.

(2) **Information and Analysis** The funding contained within the Capital Programme, within the Better Safety and Security Strategy, Evidence Based Casualty Reduction Initiatives, allocated the sum of £185,000 to introduce a traffic signal scheme at the junction of St Augustines Road and Boythorpe Road in Chesterfield.

At the time the Council's Capital list was compiled, there was still a degree of uncertainty as to whether this proposed traffic signal junction would operate efficiently. Officers have now investigated further this proposal and are concerned that a traffic signal junction at this location would not operate efficiently, leading to increased queues and delays. Bearing this in mind, officers do not wish to proceed with this proposal. Officers would like to re-allocate this money to two other schemes.

**Scheme 1**

Following construction of the traffic signals at the junction of Hasland Road, Mansfield Road and The Green, Hasland, Chesterfield, there have been significant public concerns raised. Officers have continually monitored the collision data at this junction since its introduction on 2 December 2011. Since this date, three injury collisions have been reported at the junction. Officers are also aware that there have been a further two collisions since 30 April 2013.

## Public

As a result of the reported collisions and the strong feelings of the community, officers are proposing to undertake a redesign of the junction of Hasland Road, Mansfield Road and The Green.

It is proposed that a new scheme is designed and consulted upon in the near future. The proposal will include the removal of the traffic signal junction and that a mini-roundabout is reintroduced. Officers are at an early stage in this process and it is not clear, at this moment in time, the exact location and what form of pedestrian facilities will be recommended. The cost of this particular improvement is difficult to estimate at this stage but a figure of £160,000 is intended to be set aside to cover the costs.

### **Scheme 2**

A request has been received requesting the introduction of a pedestrian crossing on St Lawrence Road, North Wingfield, somewhere between its junctions with Little Morton Road and Chesterfield Road. A scheme for a pedestrian crossing on St Lawrence Road was included on a provisional list for future capital funding from the 2013/14 LTP allocation. Unfortunately, this scheme was removed as there was some confusion over two locations suggested.

Since then, two locations have been reviewed and one location is not suitable due to its close proximity to the bend near Church Lane. The remaining location is suitable and would greatly assist pedestrians crossing St Lawrence Road. The cost of this particular improvement has been estimated at £25,000. The scheme will, of course, be subject to consultation with the local community and other interested parties.

It is recommended, therefore, that the traffic signal scheme at St Augustines Road junction with Boythorpe Road, Chesterfield, is removed from the LTP Capital Programme for 2012 – 2013 and the budget is re-allocated to the proposed redesign of the junction of Hasland Road, Mansfield Road and The Green, Hasland, Chesterfield and the proposed Pedestrian Crossing on St Lawrence Road, North Wingfield.

**(3) Financial Considerations** The two proposed schemes can be funded from the 2012 – 2013 LTP Capital Programme.

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

**(4) Key Decision** No.

## **Public**

(5) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(6) **Background Papers** Correspondence held on 44XT General file with the Traffic Section of the Environmental Services Department. Officer contact details – Lee Wright, extension 38674.

(7) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION** That the Cabinet Member approves the transfer of budgets within the Local Transport Plan Capital Programme for 2012 – 2013.

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