

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

12 November 2013

Report of the Acting Strategic Director - Environmental Services

**PILSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL – PETITION REQUESTING A
ZEBRA CROSSING**

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To inform the Cabinet Member of investigations undertaken following the receipt of a petition requesting the provision of a zebra crossing on Station Road, Pilsley outside the school gate.

(2) **Information and Analysis** The meeting of the Cabinet Member on 30 July 2013 acknowledged receipt of a petition requesting a zebra crossing facility on Station Road, Pilsley (Minute No.26/13 refers). The petition contains 132 signatures and reads as follows:

“The children, parents and friends at Pilsley Primary School would like Derbyshire County Council to reconsider their decision and provide a zebra crossing outside the school gate to support the school crossing patrol and to allow safer crossing of the road following after school clubs.”

Officer Comment

The petition was originally presented to Councillor Gillott at a meeting at the school. Subsequently to this, a site meeting took place on 22 July 2013, involving Councillor Gillott, Mr Snape, the Head Teacher, members of the Parish Council and officers of Derbyshire County Council’s Traffic and Safety Section.

The provision of a zebra crossing was investigated in detail but could not be located so that it could be utilised by the school crossing patrol warden in a safe manner. The school crossing patrol warden supervises children across both Station Road and Church Street in an “L” shape. A formal crossing, such as a zebra crossing, on Station Road would have to be sited far enough away from the Church Street junction so as to be safe for all users, and not present a hazard due to left turning vehicles out of Church Street. This would mean that the crossing would be too far away from the school crossing patrol

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warden to continue crossing in the current manner. Bearing this in mind, a zebra crossing would not be suitable in this particular circumstance.

A number of other issues were also discussed at the site meeting. One problem that was identified was the parking of vehicles that obstructs both Sitwell Grange Lane and Elm Walk. Therefore, it was agreed that rearranging the school keep clear zig-zag markings, so as to protect these accesses, would be carried out.

Concern was expressed at the speed of traffic through the village in general, therefore, some speed surveys are to be undertaken to quantify this at locations confirmed by the Parish Council.

Local Member Comment

Councillor Kevin Gillott supports the provision of any measures that will help to improve road safety for all road users in the village of Pilsley.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The replacement of the school keep clear zig-zag markings will cost £450. The speed surveys will cost £200. These costs will be met from the Traffic and Safety Revenue budget.

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.

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

(6) **Background Papers** Held on file in the Traffic and Safety Section of the Environmental Services Department. Officer contact details – Steve Alcock, extension 38176.

(7) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That:

- 7.1 A zebra crossing outside the school on Station Road, Pilsley not be pursued at this time due to the practical implications and the adverse effect this could have on the existing crossing patrol operation.
- 7.2 The school keep clear zig-zag markings be rearranged to provide more extended coverage outside the school.

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- 7.3 Speed surveys be undertaken to quantify the extent of the contravention of the speed limit in the village and actioned in accordance with usual procedures.
- 7.4 The local Member and petitioners be notified accordingly.

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