

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

12 November 2013

Report of the Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services

**PETITION - PEAR TREE DRIVE/RECREATION ROAD
SHIREBROOK, – REQUEST FOR A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To inform the Cabinet Member of investigations undertaken following receipt of a petition requesting the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Recreation Road near the junction with Pear Tree Drive, Shirebrook.

(2) **Information and Analysis** At the meeting on 18 June 2013, the Cabinet Member acknowledged receipt of a petition (Minute No.1/13 refers). It contained 398 signatures requesting the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Recreation Road near the junction with Pear Tree Drive, Shirebrook.

Recreation Road forms part of a network of roads serving a residential area of Shirebrook. Near its junction with Pear Tree Drive, there are a number of shops which appear to be well used, including a Post Office and Newsagents. Pear Tree Drive and Recreation Road form part of a bus route and, as such, there is a bus stop with a tactile crossing point on Recreation Road to the east of its junction with Pear Tree Drive. A location plan is attached as Appendix 1.

Local Member Comment

Councillor Marian Stockdale supports the petitioners request for a crossing and has recently met with officers to discuss what can be achieved here.

Officer Comment

The Council receives many requests for crossing facilities from across the County. The sheer number of requests far outweighs the resources available. Given this demand, a system of prioritisation must be employed using information, including the number and severity of collisions plus the volume of traffic and pedestrians. This helps ensure that the resources available are firstly used in those locations where there is the greatest need and where most benefits can be achieved.

As mentioned previously, Recreation Road is a road serving a residential estate and, as such, officers would expect vehicle flows to be relatively low in comparison with other roads such as the B6407 Main Street. Observations

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would seem to suggest that the levels of vehicle and pedestrian activity are not on their own sufficient to justify the provision of a crossing facility.

Officers have investigated other factors, which can have a bearing on the need for a pedestrian crossing point. The site in question does not have a history of congestion and over the last five years, there have been no reported speed or pedestrian related injury collisions.

Taking all of these factors into consideration, it is difficult to justify the provision of a controlled crossing (such as a Zebra/Puffin crossing) at this location at this time. However, officers did notice that this area would benefit from the introduction of tactile crossing points, together with plateau features to help improve accessibility to local facilities. This scheme will be submitted as a bid against the 2014/15 Capital Programme. At this stage, its relative priority cannot be given.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The estimated cost of providing two tactile crossing points, two plateaux on Recreation Road and associated drainage works is £20,000.

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 – Lee Wright, extension 38674

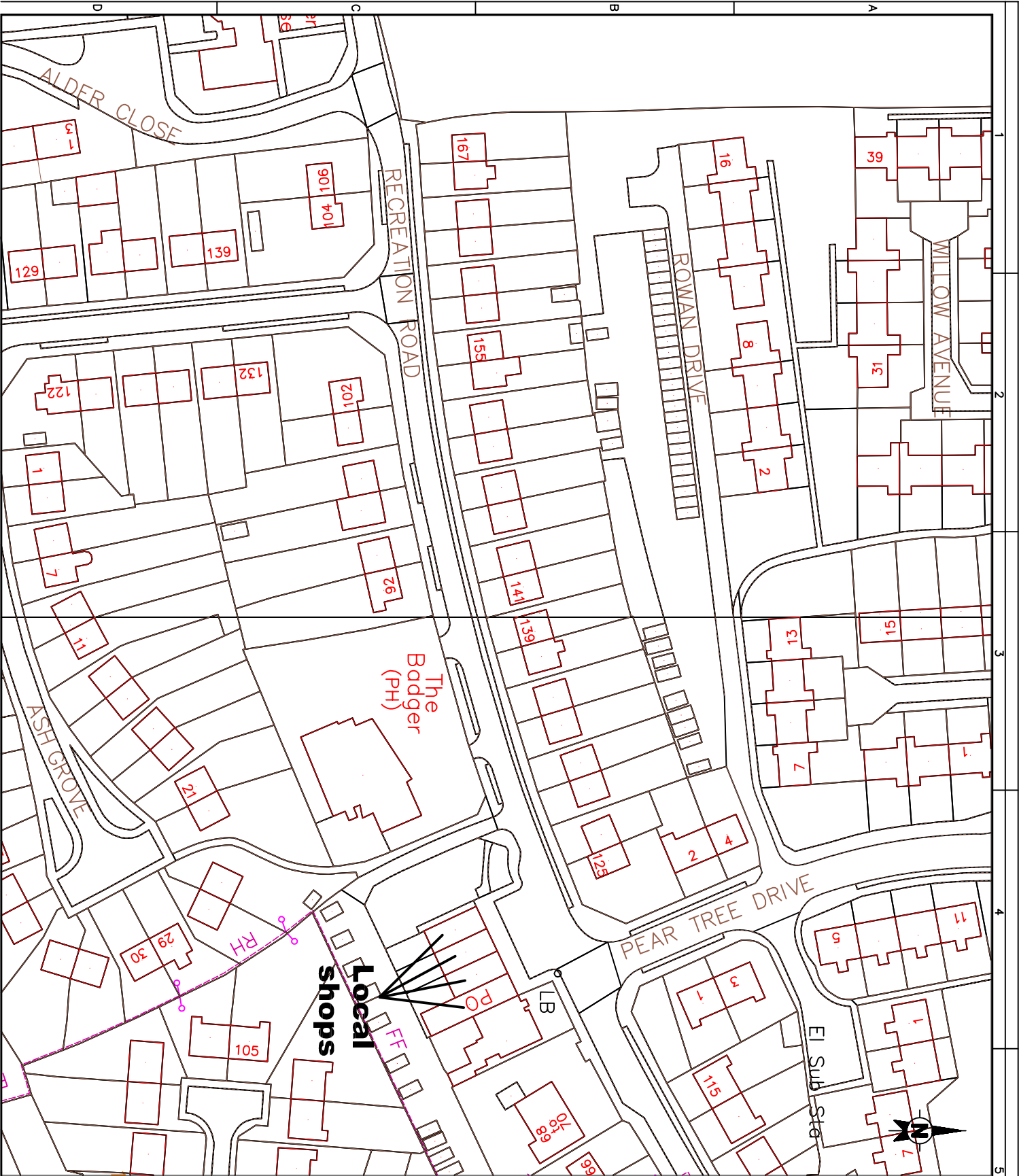
(7) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That:

7.1 The Authority does not recommend the introduction of a pedestrian crossing (Zebra/Puffin crossing) at this location at this time.

7.2 A scheme to provide two tactile crossing points, two plateaux on Recreation Road and associated drainage works is considered for introduction in the 2014/15 Capital Programme subject to it meeting the appropriate priority.

7.3 The local Member and lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

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