

Agenda Item No. 4(d)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE**

20 October 2015

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

**OBJECTIONS TO A PEDESTRIAN REFUGE – A6007 HEANOR ROAD,
ILKESTON**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To inform the Cabinet Member of an objection to plans for a pedestrian refuge on the A6007, Heanor Road, Ilkeston but to seek approval for its installation.

(2) **Information and Analysis** The A6007 is a main road between Heanor and Ilkeston, and is one of the main links for vehicles accessing the M1. Heanor Road runs between the two large residential areas of Cotmanhay and Shipley View Estate, is subject to a 40mph speed limit and has street lights with footways on both sides. The carriageway is approximately 8.8m wide in total, and each lane is separated by central hatching. The road is a busy bus route.

The provision of a pedestrian refuge has been requested to enable pedestrians to cross this busy road in two halves. There have been two collisions at this location in the last three years and one involved a pedestrian being hit by a vehicle. The refuge and its proposed location is shown in drawing no HMT/MH/282/15/2. A pedestrian survey identified a high number of pedestrians crossing at that location; many of them do not cross two busy lanes of traffic in one go and wait on the hatching in the centre of the carriageway.

The proposals were sent out to local resident. One objection was received which relates considers that the refuge would cause difficulty turning into a driveway and that the resident concerned will no longer be able to park on the road outside their property. The objector also states that, to their knowledge, there have been no collisions on that stretch of road.

Officer Comments

When a pedestrian refuge is considered, it is important that it is located on or as near to the route where pedestrians would naturally cross (known as the desire line). A number of roads and footway links from the nearby residential

areas meet up with Heanor Road at the proposed location, and this is a busy crossing point for pedestrians accessing the bus stops. These stops are also popular with school children catching the bus to travel to and from Ormiston Ilkeston Enterprise Academy in the centre of Ilkeston and from Kirk Hallam Community Academy. The nearest alternative pedestrian crossing points are approximately 200m away in both directions.

The proposed location of the pedestrian refuge will indeed prevent the objector from parking outside their property. However, the property has off-street parking for multiple vehicles and officers have left sufficient space for the pedestrian refuge to be installed whilst allowing for turning in and out of the access.

It is therefore recommended that the pedestrian refuge island be installed as intended.

Local Member Comment

Councillor Glennice Birkin fully supports the proposed pedestrian refuge.

(3) **Financial Considerations** This work forms part of the approved Local Transport Plan Capital Schemes programme for 2015-2016 and will cost approximately £12,000.

(4) **Legal Considerations** Part 2 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 imposes a duty on all local authorities to secure the expeditious movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Section 68 of the Highways Act 1980 provides that where a highway maintainable at public expense comprises a made-up carriageway, the highway authority may construct and maintain works in that carriageway to provide places of refuge for pedestrians crossing the carriageway. Under Section 90G of the same Act the highway authority has the power to install traffic calming works (including pedestrian refuge islands) in a highway maintainable at public expense.

Regulation 4 of the Highways (Traffic Calming) Regulations 1999 provides that where a highway authority proposes to construct a traffic calming work in a highway, they must consult the chief officer of police for the area in which the highway is situated and such persons or organisations representing persons who use the highway or who are otherwise likely to be affected by the traffic calming work as the highway authority thinks fit. Regulation 8 requires the highway authority to place and maintain traffic signs to provide adequate warning of the traffic calming works unless the works themselves provide adequate visual warning for persons using the highway.

Other Considerations

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

(5) **Key Decision** No.

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

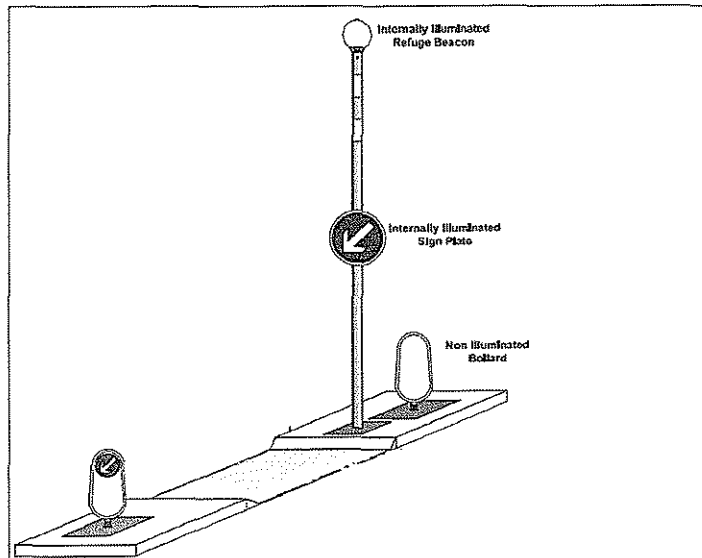
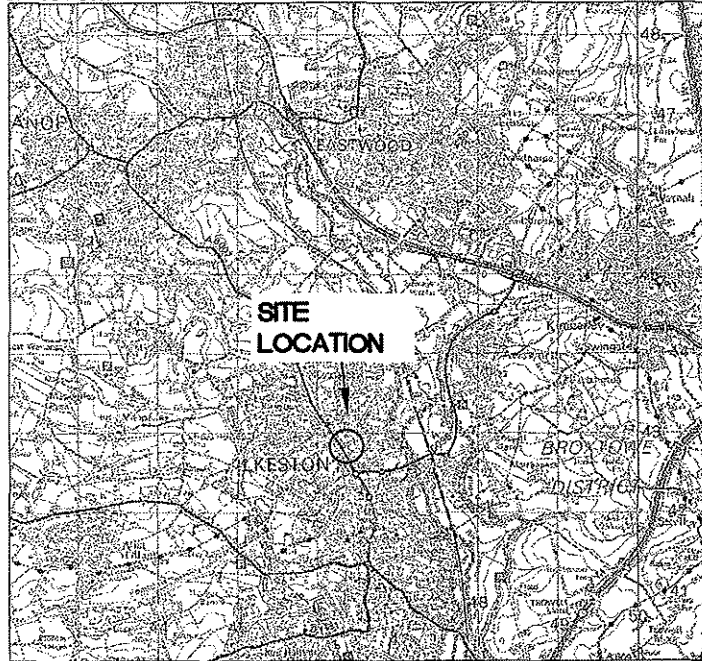
(7) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Environment Department. Officer contact details – Rachel Straw, extension 38525.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That the Cabinet Member approves that:

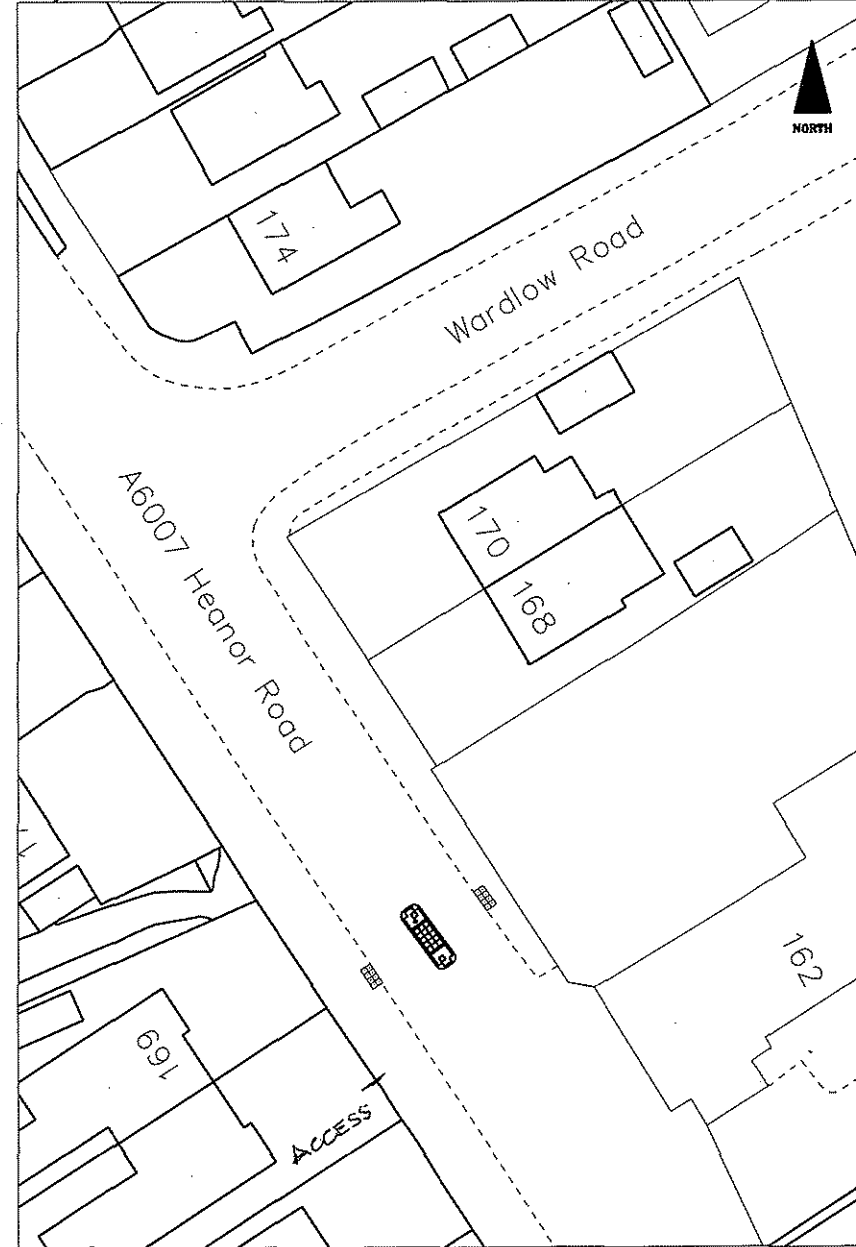
- 8.1 The proposed pedestrian refuge on the A6007, Heanor Road, Ilkeston be installed at an approximate cost of £12,000.
- 8.2 The local Member and objector be informed accordingly.

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Location Detail



Refuge Location Detail



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