

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

**21 January 2014**

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

**PETITION - POOLSBROOK, ERIN ROAD – REQUEST FOR  
TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES TO ASSIST HORSE RIDERS**

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To inform the Cabinet Member of investigations undertaken following receipt of a petition requesting Traffic Calming Measures to assist horse riders.

(2) **Information and Analysis** At the meeting on 22 October 2013, the Cabinet Member acknowledged receipt of an e-petition signed by 89 persons and a paper petition containing 64 signatures requesting warning signs, a crossing and enforcement of the speed limit (Minute No. 77/13 refers).

The subject heading of the petition reads as follows:

*“Help make Erin Road in Poolsbrook safer for horses and riders. It is currently dangerous to ride on or to cross Erin Road near Poolsbrook Park due to high volume of speeding traffic. We would like warning signs, a crossing and enforcement of the speed limit.”*

Erin Road is subject to a 40mph speed limit, is street lit and connects Staveley with the M1 junction 29a. See Appendix 1 for location plan.

**Local Member Comment**

Councillor Williams has been consulted and has no comments.

**Officer Comment**

The County 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

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available are firstly used in those locations where there is the greatest need and where most benefits can be achieved.

Observations would seem to suggest that the levels of vehicle and equestrian, and or pedestrian conflict are not, on their own, sufficient to justify the provision of a crossing facility at this location at this time.

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

Taking all of these factors into consideration, it is not possible to recommend the provision of a controlled crossing (such as a Pegasus crossing) at this location, at this time.

However, officers felt that equestrian users on Erin Road, crossing in the vicinity of Poolsbrook Country Park, would benefit from the introduction of two horse crossing warning signs, one on each approach to Poolsbrook Country park to help alert drivers of their presence.

Enforcement of the 40mph speed limit is the responsibility of Derbyshire Constabulary, therefore, officers will inform them of the allegation of speeding vehicles at this location.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The cost of the scheme is estimated at £500 and is to be met from the 2013/14 Traffic and Safety Team 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 Economy, Transport and Environment Department. Officer contact details – Lee Wright, extension 38674.

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

- 7.1 The Authority refuses the request for the provision of a Pegasus crossing on Erin Road, Poolsbrook.
- 7.2 The Authority proceeds with the erection of two horse crossing warning signs located on Erin Road, on both approaches to Poolsbrook Country Park.
- 8.3 Officers inform Derbyshire Constabulary of the allegation of speeding traffic along Erin Road, Poolsbrook.

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