

Agenda Item No. 4(b)

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

**5 May 2015**

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

**SHIREBROOK, ASHBOURNE STREET – CROSSING POINTS**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To seek the Cabinet Member's approval to scheme proposals, following consultation with stakeholders into the provision of build-outs to aid pedestrians crossing Ashbourne Street in Shirebrook.

(2) **Information and Analysis**

**Background**

Local Member, Councillor Stockdale, has raised concerns about the safety of pedestrians crossing Ashbourne Street, Shirebrook. Crossing movements generally take place close to the junctions with Portland Road and Station Road, and near the entrance to the car park. There is a residential care home on the eastern side of Ashbourne Street and residents cross back and forth. In order to shorten the crossing movement, a proposal was put forward for two crossing points to be created, which would narrow the carriageway width by approximately 1 metre. Dropped crossings with tactile paving would be placed at the crossing points to create a level access route.

Local stakeholders have been consulted, with Shirebrook Town Council objecting to the footway build-outs. The Town Councillors felt that the crossing points would narrow the carriageway too much and, even though wide enough to accommodate two way flows, may lead to some vehicles stopping to give way to wider vehicles.

**Officer Comments**

Officers consider that sufficient width had been left to maintain two-way traffic flows. Although vehicles may slow down on approach, there would still be sufficient room to pass. The width of the build outs were the best compromise, as any wider would impede flow, any narrower and they would not noticeably reduce the carriageway to cross.

The Town councillors suggested that the dropped crossings and tactiles be put in place to create a level access route, with the build-outs no longer being

provided. Such a compromise would still aid pedestrians crossing Ashbourne Street and have therefore recommended this course of action. Should this proposal be agreed, the revised scheme of dropped crossing points and tactile paving would cost approximately £3,000 rather than the original £10,000.

### **Local Member Comments**

Councillor Stockdale feels that the measures will help to reduce speeds around the area but is concerned regarding the space left for buses to negotiate the bend off station Road and the remaining road space.

(3) **Financial Considerations** This work forms part of the approved Local Transport Plan 2014-15 Capital Programme of works and included a budget of £10,000. The revised scheme will cost approximately £3,000.

### **Other Considerations**

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.

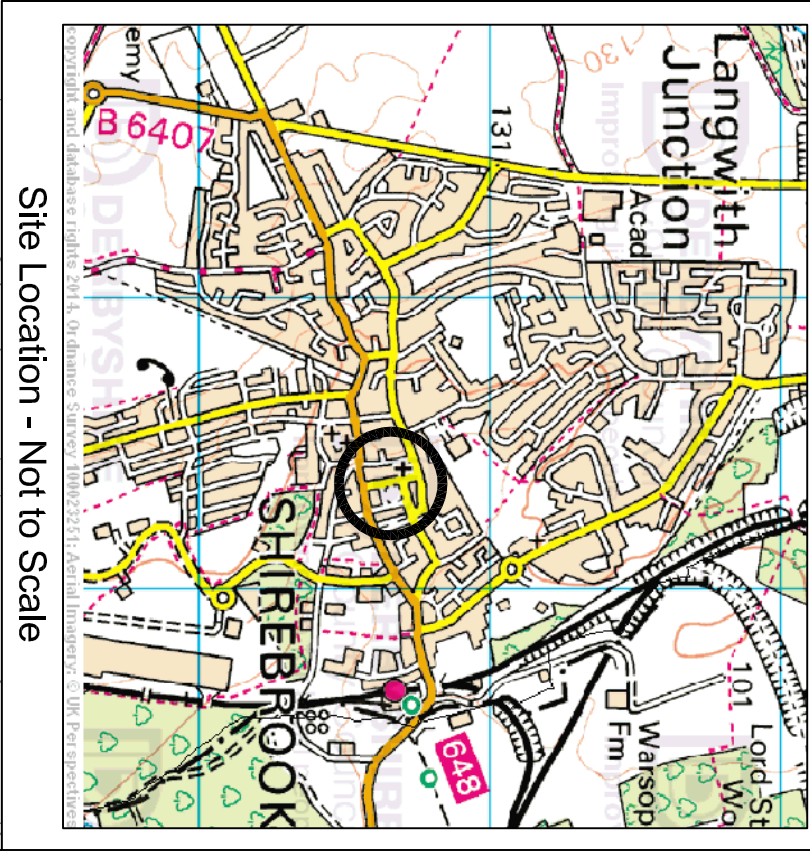
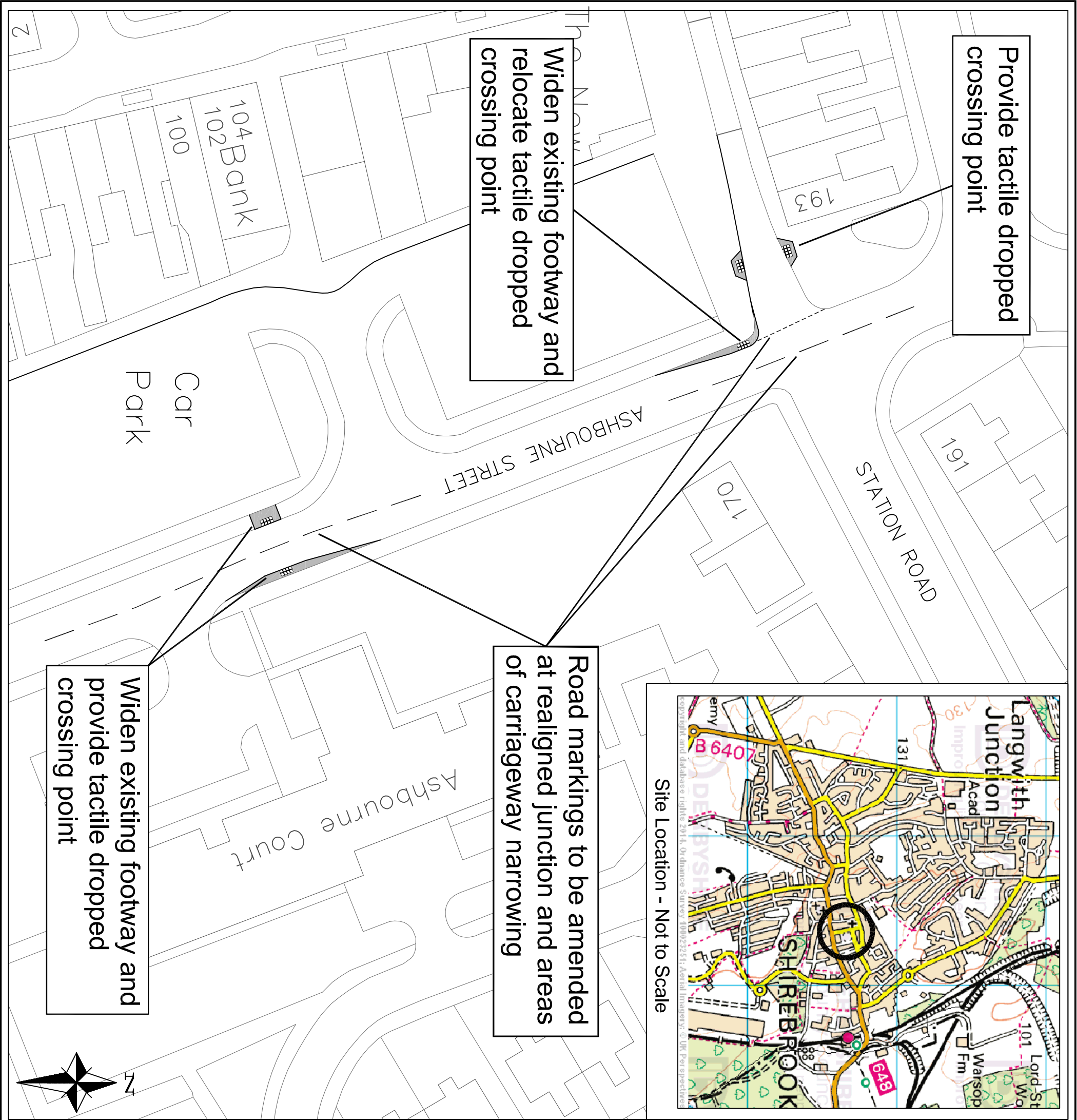
(4) **Key Decision** No.

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

(6) **Background Papers** Correspondence held on file in 44XT in Room N9, County Hall, Matlock. Officer contact details – Lee Wright, extension 38674.

(7) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION** That the scheme on Ashbourne Street, Shirebrook be amended and constructed without the build-outs.

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Amended road markings									
AMENDMENT DETAILS				BY	CHKD	APVD	DATE	N.O.	
DRAWN	J.Watson	CHECKED	S.Boyack						
Date	6/8/2014	Date	8/8/2014						
		APPROVED	S.Boyack						
		Date	8/8/2014						



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HIGHWAY DESIGN



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