

Agenda Item No. 4(a)

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

**8 September 2015**

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

**PETITION – B6047 MAIN STREET, SHIREBROOK –  
REQUEST FOR A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To inform the Cabinet Member of investigations undertaken following receipt of a petition requesting the provision of a pedestrian crossing on the B6047 Main Street, Shirebrook, and to seek approval of further preparatory investigations.

(2) **Information and Analysis**

**Background**

At the meeting on 3 March 2015, the Cabinet Member acknowledged receipt of a petition (Minute No. 21/15 refers), containing 957 signatures requesting the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Main Street, near to the junction with the access road to Shires Health Centre.

Main Street is the B-classified road through the centre of Shirebrook and forms part of a bus route with a bus stop and crossing point opposite the frontage of the former Great Northern Hotel Public House. A location plan is attached (Appendix 1). There are a number of properties near to the requested crossing which are currently not occupied.

**Officer Comment**

The County Council receives many requests for crossing facilities from across the County. 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 to ensure that the limited resources available are firstly used in those locations where there is the greatest need and where most benefits can be achieved.

The B6047 forms part of the main route through the village of Shirebrook and therefore is used by a significant volume of traffic.

During on site observations, it was evident that there was significant pedestrian activity within the vicinity of the Shires Health Centre, which is accessed both on foot and via motor vehicles from its junction with Main Street.

Observations also identified that the existing bus stop opposite The Great Northern Hotel is a well-used facility. Pedestrians were seen to cross the B6047 Main Street in proximity to the requested crossing location; some were seen using the uncontrolled crossing point adjacent to the bus stop.

It is evident that there are difficulties in terms of the road alignment, visibility and available carriageway/footway widths required to accommodate a traffic signal controlled pedestrian crossing. This restricts the locations where a crossing could be achieved. If a traffic signal controlled crossing were to be installed, the existing bus stop and brick built shelter opposite The Great Northern Hotel would need to be relocated as shown in Appendix 2.

Further along the B6047, on Portland Road, there is an existing traffic signal controlled crossing and, for consistency, it is felt it would be appropriate for a similar type of controlled crossing to be introduced outside the Great Northern Hotel on Main Street. Any decision is dependent on available funding and the scheme will need to be considered alongside other competing proposals.

As a consequence of any future scheme, the brick built bus shelter would also need to be replaced/relocated with a new modern shelter and the stop upgraded to one with raised bus boarder kerbs to improve access. The associated cost of this work is estimated to be in the region of £10,000 and has therefore been added to the scheme estimate for the installation of a controlled crossing.

### **Local Member Comment**

Councillor Marion Stockdale supports the petitioners request for a pedestrian crossing in close proximity to the Shires Health Centre on Main Street. Many people cross from the residential housing within the Model village to access the Health Centre and a proportion of these are senior citizens. The bus stop opposite the Great Northern Hotel is a well-used local facility. She would welcome a crossing, even it was a beacon crossing, as it would assist with the slowing of traffic.

In addition, she would like to see a further pedestrian crossing on Main Street towards its junctions with Leen Valley Drive and Stinting Lane, as this is a cut through route the children take to Shirebrook Academy and wonders if a pedestrian refuge could be installed. She feels the 30mph speed limit is completely ignored and vehicles are travelling along Main Street at unacceptable speeds.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The estimated cost of providing a controlled crossing, with the relocation of the bus stop and removal of the brick-built shelter to accommodate a crossing would be in the region of £40,000.

### **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.

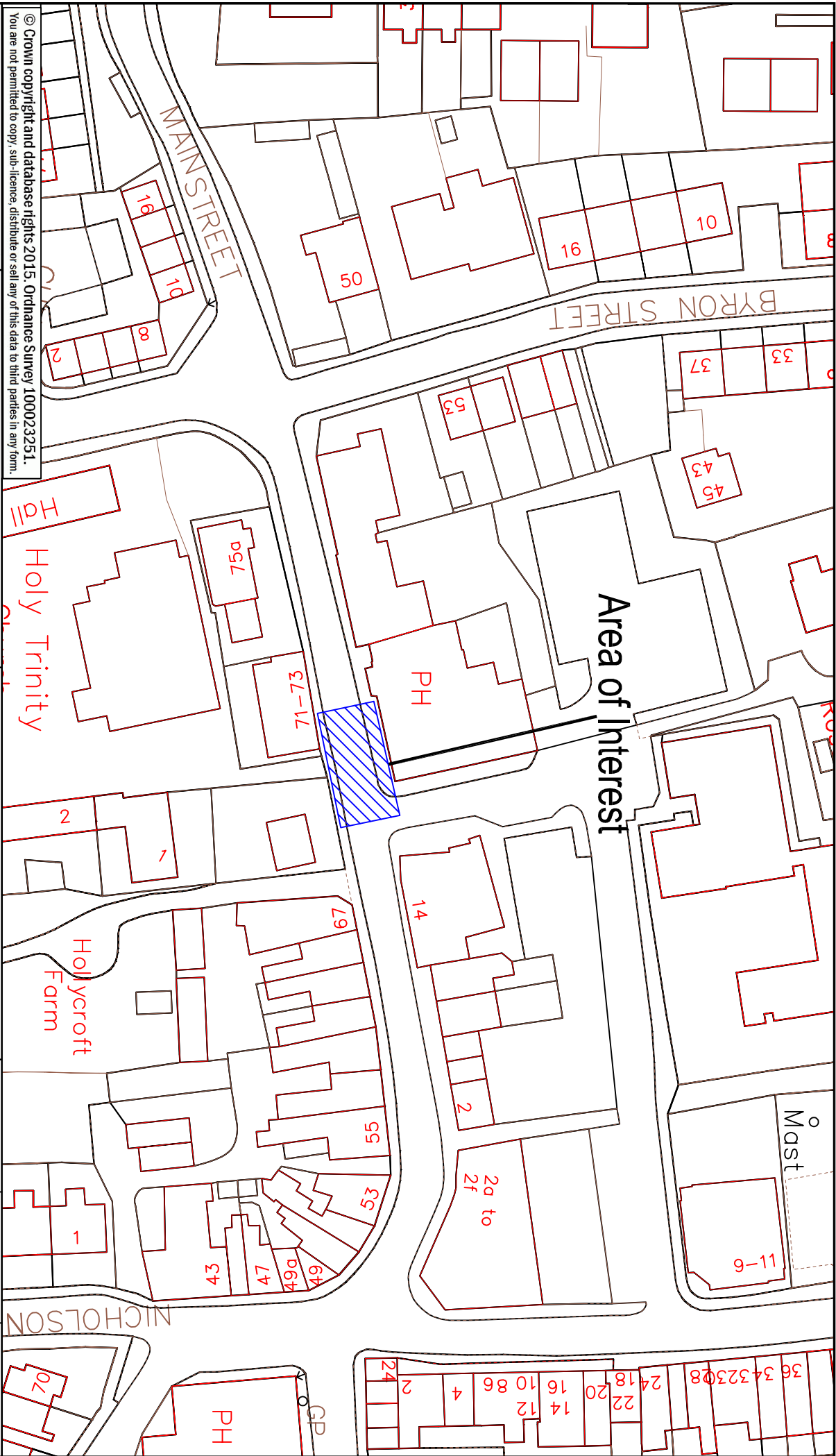
(5) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(6) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Environment Department. Officer contact details – Richard Handbury, extension 38569.

(7) **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS** That the Cabinet Member approves that:

- 7.1 A scheme to provide a Traffic Signal Controlled Puffin crossing and associated relocation works for the existing bus stop on the B6047 Main Street, Shirebrook is considered alongside the proposals for future capital programmes.
- 7.2 Officers carry out further investigations in respect of the Local Member's additional request for the provision of a pedestrian refuge further along the B6047, near to its junctions with Leen Valley Drive and Stinting Lane. If this is considered appropriate a further scheme bid for Capital funding will be made for inclusion in the 2016/17 Local Transport Plan.
- 7.3 The Local Member and lead petitioner be informed of the decision.
- 7.4 The Local Member's concerns over vehicle speeds be passed to Derbyshire Constabulary for their attention.

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PROJECT TITLE			DRAWING TITLE		
B6047 MAIN STREET, SHIREBROOK			LOCATION PLAN		
DRAWN PHIL BRAISBY	CHECKED RICHARD HANDBURY	APPROVED BRIDGET GOULD	Project / Confirm Reference No.		
Date 05/08/15	Date 05/08/15	Date 05/08/15	Drawing Number		
APPENDIX_1			LOCATION_PLAN		
SCALE			NTS		

