

WARDS: COSELEY EAST

AGENDA ITEM NO.

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

NORTH DUDLEY AREA COMMITTEE – 2ND DECEMBER 2003

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT

**BRADLEYS LANE, COSELEY: OBSERVATIONS
REGARDING PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITY**

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek Area Committee's support for the introduction of a zebra crossing near Wallbrook Primary School in Bradleys Lane, Coseley, as part of the safer routes to school programme for the 2003/04 financial year.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Consultation

At its meeting on 19 March 2003, the Council's Executive Committee approved the Transport Capital Settlement and Proposed Highways Minor Works Capital Programme for 2003-4. This approval was ratified by the full Council at its meeting on 14 April 2003.

- 2.1.1 Detailed locations for proposed pedestrian crossing facilities were approved by the appropriate Area Committees in their April 2003 cycle.
- 2.1.2 The proposals for pedestrian crossing schemes were advertised on site between 11 July and 1 August 2003 and in the 'Express and Star' newspaper on 11 July 2003.

2.2 Observations

- 2.2.1 During the original advertisement stage, representations were made to the Council regarding a proposed pelican crossing in Bradleys Lane, Coseley. The correspondents' comments, and the Council's responses are set out in Appendix A as regards the original location and appendix B in respect of the alternative site. The basic points are detailed below.

2.2.2 Bradleys Lane, Coseley

1. A pelican crossing was designed predominantly to facilitate schoolchild pedestrian movements to and from Wallbrook Primary School.

2. During the advertisement stage, residents considered that the pelican would be sited too far from the school to be effective, this view was also supported by the School Crossing Patrol Service. Accordingly, consideration was given to the crossing being installed nearer to the school entrance and School Crossing Patrol. There is no room immediately in front of the school entrance for a crossing.
3. When the residents of houses 75-76 (next to the school) were contacted, they raised their concerns, shown in Appendix B.
4. It is now intended that a zebra crossing (to obviate potential noise/light nuisance for residents), be installed in front of houses 75-76, next to the pedestrian entrance to Wallbrook Primary School, which is supported by our School Crossing Patrol Service. Furthermore, the removal of part of the layby will create a larger and safer storage area for children to stand and cross.

2.3 Sustainable Transport

The introduction of pedestrian crossing facilities supports sustainability by assisting pedestrian traffic movements.

3.0 PROPOSAL

- 3.1 That, having due regard to the views and comments received, Area Committee supports the introduction of a zebra crossing in Bradleys Lane, Coseley, in front of houses nos 75 and 76.

4.0 FINANCE

- 4.1 The cost of constructing this crossing can be met from the current year's Capital Budget.

5.0 LAW

- 5.1 Pedestrian crossings are provided under powers contained in Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984, subject to regulations made from time to time by the Secretary of State for Transport.
- 5.2 Guardrails may be provided under Section 66 of the Highways Act 1990.

6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 6.1 The proposals contained within this report comply with the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy.

7.0 RECOMMENDATION

7.1 That the proposals set out in Section 3.0 of this report be approved.

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APPENDIX A

OBSERVATIONS REGARDING PROPOSALS FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITIES

Bradleys Lane, Coseley (Original Location)

CORRESPONDENT	POINTS MADE BY CORRESPONDENT	COUNCIL'S RESPONSE
A resident of Upper Church Lane, Tipton	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Existing manned crossing-point immediately outside school gates, at point where pavement wider than remainder of lane, providing space for children to stand to wait to be crossed over. Proposed crossing location has very narrow pavement, would seem unsafe for young children to stand. Proposed location of crossing means that there will be no on-road parking for visitors or deliveries anywhere in immediate area of 19A. Many properties have only single car driveways Crossing would be of "pelican" type, which would cause noise. Inherited 19A. Property valuation reduced because of planned pelican. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend acceding to correspondent. No longer planned to install pelican near objectors' properties. Now proposed to construct zebra near to school
A resident of Bradleys Lane, Coseley	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The crossing should be located directly at school entrance, not 50 yards away. Obvious that children are not going to walk this distance, cross over road and walk back. Footway too narrow to allow groups of children to wait. Footway on opposite side of road to New-Haven could be extended a few feet into lay-by, making this area much wider. Lay-by only used by visitors and service vehicles to bungalows, none of whose residents own cars. This pelican would restrict view, which already impeded by neighbour's tall Leylandii trees. 	Recommend acceding to resident. Install zebra crossing near to Wallbrook Primary School.

APPENDIX B

OBSERVATIONS REGARDING PROPOSALS FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITIES

Bradleys Lane, Coseley (New Location Near Wallbrook Primary School)

CORRESPONDENT	POINTS MADE BY CORRESPONDENT	COUNCIL'S RESPONSE
A resident of Bradleys Lane, Coseley	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. With the added inconvenience of a pedestrian crossing on one side of property, and a school zone on the other side, would this entitle the correspondent to a reduction in Council Tax bill. 2. Children will be running across drive at certain times. 3. To assist, it would be good if crossing was turned off at 6 p.m., so that lights or noise will not annoy whilst watching T.V. 4. Please explain why crossing cannot be in front of school fence between gates where people already cross road with lollipop lady. 5. Why accept refusal of people at other side of school, but not correspondent's refusal. 6. Crossing would be better situated where school crossing patrol works. This is between the 2 sets of gates at entrance to school. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The matter of a request for a reduction in Council Tax bills will be referred to the Directorate of Finance. (b) The school crossing patrol would supervise children. (c) As concerns raised regarding a possible pelican crossing, it is now proposed that a zebra crossing be installed. (d) Crossing could not be relocated in front of school because there is too little width of kerb between vehicular entrances. (e) The nearest safe location to school, where there are no dropped kerb driveways, is between houses 75-76