

**WARDS: QUARRY BANK AND CRADLEY
HAYLEY GREEN**

AGENDA ITEM

NO.

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

HALESOWEN AREA COMMITTEE – 3 DECEMBER 2003

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN
ENVIRONMENT**

**TWO GATES, CRADLEY: OBSERVATIONS
REGARDING PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
FACILITY**

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek Area Committee's support for the introduction of a pelican crossing in Two Gates, Cradley, Halesowen, as part of the Local Safety Schemes programme for the 2003/04 financial year.

2.0 BACKGROUND

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

2.2 Detailed locations for proposed pedestrian crossing facilities, including this site, were approved by the appropriate Area Committees in their April 2003 cycle.

2.3 The proposals for pedestrian crossing schemes were advertised on site between 11th July and 1st August 2003, and in the 'Express and Star' newspaper on 11th July 2003.

2.4 Observations

2.4.1 During the advertisement stage, representations were made to the Council regarding the proposed pelican crossing in Two Gates, Colley Gate, Halesowen. The correspondents' comments, and the Council's responses are set out in Appendix A. The basic points, however, are detailed below.

2.5 Two Gates, Colley Gate, Halesowen

1. Two letters with observations have been received. The correspondents considered that a pelican crossing is not necessary.

2. The pelican crossing was proposed because of the pedestrian accident record in the locality and the need to assist school pupils walking to and from Caslon Primary School.

3. It is considered that the proposed site is the best location for a pedestrian crossing, bearing all factors in mind.

2.6 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 pelican crossing in Two Gates, Cradley, Halesowen as previously proposed and as shown on plan number TM1950A attached.

4.0 FINANCE

- 4.1 The cost of constructing this crossing estimated at £20,000 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 Regulation 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

(ii) TWO GATES, COLLEY GATE, CRADLEY, HALESOWEN

CORRESPONDENT	POINTS MADE BY CORRESPONDENT	COUNCIL'S RESPONSE
2 residents of Two Gates, Halesowen	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not wish to have crossing near to property, because of possible devaluation. 2. Not many people observed trying to cross road. 3. Traffic speeds high, and already enough traffic noise. 4. As road is very busy and noisy, especially during peak rush hour times, would be more beneficial to introduce speed bumps. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The proposed location of the pelican is on pedestrian desire line into nearby housing estate. (b) In a 30mph speed limit. (c) Pedestrians crossing road particularly vulnerable, if traffic speeds high. (d) Two Gates is classified, and traffic calming cannot be considered.
A resident of Two Gates, Halesowen	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No shops or utilities within direct vicinity, pedestrian foot flow mainly for access. 2. Would understand if crossing positions in Toys Lane, where there is a convergence of two housing estates and local amenities. During mornings and afternoons, these estates generate moderate levels of pedestrian activity towards Colley Lane School. Some of these pupils fit the demographic profile for the Government's current road safety scheme. 3. Aware of need for traffic calming. This should be tackled at source, not halfway through, and in a more effective manner. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Pelican would assist pupils of Caslon Primary School. (b) Pedestrian injury accidents are in locality of proposed pedestrian crossing. (c) Traffic calming cannot be considered, because Two Gates in a classified road.

