

Report Title:	Petition for Debate – Braywick Road Pedestrian Crossing
Contains Confidential or Exempt Information?	No - Part I
Member reporting:	Councillor Bicknell Deputy Leader; Lead Member for Highways & Transport and Windsor
Meeting and Date:	Extraordinary Council - 28 January 2019
Responsible Officer(s):	Hilary Hall, Director Strategy & Commissioning
Wards affected:	Oldfield

REPORT SUMMARY

1. An online petition seeking the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Braywick Road to Braywick Park attracted 1,039 signatures.
2. The petition closed on 11 October 2018 and the Lead Petitioner requested that the subject be referred to Council for debate.
3. The purpose of this report is to respond to the petition and recommends that due to the changing environment in the vicinity of Braywick Park, detailed proposals for a pedestrian crossing be developed and funding be allocated as part of the 2020/21 capital programme for implementation.

1. DETAILS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION: That Council notes the report and:

- i. **Acknowledges the petition and fully supports the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Braywick Road**
- ii. **Approves funding of £150,000 in the 2020/21 capital programme to deliver the pedestrian crossing**

2. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION(S) AND OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 An online petition seeking to install a pedestrian crossing on Braywick Road secured 1,039 signatures and was created by the Lead Petitioner, Rachel Clapp, RARA Communications Officer.
- 2.2 The full wording of the petition is as follows:
'...We are calling on RBWM Council to recognise the dire need for a pedestrian crossing across Braywick Road, leading to the pedestrian entrance to Braywick Park. Pleas for the inherent danger in crossing Braywick Road to be acknowledged and for a crossing to be constructed have been repeatedly rejected or deferred over the past 18 years.

We therefore encourage everyone to sign this petition and in doing so, compel RBWM Council to take action and allocate funds immediately to facilitate the installation of this crossing...'

- 2.3 In accordance with the Royal Borough's Constitution the Lead Petitioner was asked how they would like the petition to be considered and it was requested that the petition be referred to Council for debate.
- 2.4 The Braywick Road (A308) is the main route into Maidenhead from the M4, Windsor and the south. The road comprises of a 1.45km dual carriageway between the Braywick roundabout, which provides a link to the M4 and the Stafferton Way roundabout, just south of Maidenhead railway station. The road is predominantly subject to a 40mph speed limit. There have been 12 reported injury road crashes on this section of road over the past five years, resulting in 1 fatal; 2 serious and 9 slight casualties. One of these crashes involved a pedestrian in the carriageway.
- 2.5 Requests have previously been received to introduce a pedestrian crossing at this location which have been fully considered but not progressed due to the relatively low level of demand and the presence of informal, uncontrolled crossing points which were subject to minor improvements. It was, however, acknowledged that should circumstances change that this position would be reviewed.
- 2.6 Construction of the new multi-million pound Braywick Leisure Centre has now commenced which will deliver state-of-the-art leisure facilities opening in mid-2020.
- 2.7 In addition, Braywick Park will become the home for Braywick Court and Forest Bridge School (subject to planning consent) while continuing to support the existing sporting facilities; pub and restaurant; plant nursery and cemetery.
- 2.8 In parallel the Royal Borough is working with development partner 'CALA Homes' to deliver the vision for Maidenhead Golf Course site creating a vibrant and sustainable legacy that meets with the council's original objectives. The site will deliver approximately 2,000 homes, including 30% affordable, as well as a new primary and secondary school, public open space, community hub and supporting infrastructure.
- 2.9 The environment in this vicinity will change significantly in the near future creating additional demand and it is, therefore, recommended that proposals for a pedestrian crossing be developed in 2019/20 with installation programmed for 2020/21 to align with the opening of the new leisure centre.
- 2.10 A bridge option rather than surface crossing has been considered which would completely separate pedestrians and vehicles. Clearance beneath the bridge would be significant as this is a primary route for all vehicles and requires significant land-take for the bridge ramps to meet design standards. This is a high-cost option with significant environmental challenges.

Table 1: Options

Option	Comments
Support development and delivery of a new pedestrian crossing on Braywick Road and allocated funding as part of the 2020/21 capital programme. This is the recommended option	This option responds positively to the petition and the changes to the local environment which are being constructed or planned
Do not develop and introduce a pedestrian crossing on Braywick Road Not the recommended option	This option is not recommended as it does not respond to the petition or the changing local environment

3. KEY IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The key implications are set out in table 2.

Table 2: Key implications

Defined Outcomes	Unmet	Met	Exceeded	Significantly Exceeded	Date they should be delivered by
Delivery of a pedestrian crossing to align with the opening of the new leisure centre	Installation by summer 2020				Summer 2020

4. FINANCIAL DETAILS / VALUE MONEY

Financial impact on the budget

4.1 It is recommended that funding of £150,000 be included in the capital programme 2020/21 (subject to formal approval as part of the budget process).

4.2 There are no direct revenue implications as an outcome of this report.

Table 3: Financial Impact of report's recommendations

REVENUE COSTS	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Additional total	£0	£0	£0
Reduction	£0	£0	£0
Net Impact	£0	£0	£0

CAPITAL COSTS	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Additional total	£0	£0	£150,000
Reduction	£0	£0	£0
Net Impact	£0	£0	£150,000

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The council has duties under the Highways Act 1980; the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000; the Road Traffic Act 1988; the Environment Act 1995 and the Traffic Management Act 2004.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

Table 4: Impact of risk and mitigation

Risks	Uncontrolled Risk	Controls	Controlled Risk
Funding is insufficient to deliver the proposed scheme	Medium	Budget estimates will be prepared as the scheme develops and contractor rates confirmed. Robust financial governance in place and regular updates to Members	Low
Delays in delivering works programme	Medium	Achievable programme recommended subject to agreement of proposed scheme in 2019/20	Low
No agreement to proposed scheme during consultation phase	Medium	Extensive consultation and opportunities to revise designs built into the programme	Low

7. POTENTIAL IMPACTS

None.

8. CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Consultation will be undertaken as the scheme develops which will engage with Ward Members; residents and key stakeholders. Initial engagement will commence in February 2019.

9. TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Table 5: Implementation timetable

Date	Details
February – September 2019	Scheme development / Initial consultation
October 2019 – January 2020	Consultation
March – May 2020	Construction

10. APPENDICES

None

11. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Petition: <http://petitions.rbwm.gov.uk/BraywickCrossing/>

12. CONSULTATION (MANDATORY)

Name of consultee	Post held and Department	Date sent	Date received	See comments in paragraph:
Internal				
Cllr Bicknell	Deputy Leader and Lead Member for Highways & Transport	16/01/19	18/1/19	
Cllr Dudley	Leader of the Council	16/01/19	17/01/19	Comments added on consultation and bridge option
Russell O'Keefe	Acting Managing Director	16/01/19		
Andy Jeffs	Executive Director	16/01/19	17/01/19	Minor amends and comments
Hilary Hall	Director Strategy and Commissioning	15/01/19	16/01/19	Minor amends
Rob Stubbs	Section 151 Officer	16/01/19	18/1/19	
Nikki Craig	Head of HR and Corporate Projects	16/01/19	16/01/19	Approved
Elaine Browne	Head of Law and Governance	16/01/19		
David Scott	Head of Communities; Partnerships & Enforcement	16/01/19		
Louisa Dean	Communications	16/01/19		
Kevin McDaniel	Director of Children's Services	16/01/19	18/1/19	
Angela Morris	Optalis Director	16/01/19		

REPORT HISTORY

Decision type: N/A	Urgency item? No	To Follow item? No
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