

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 26 January 2018	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Cabinet Member for Environment and the Public Realm
<b>Report title:</b>		Maxted Road Raised Zebra Crossing	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		The Lane Ward and South Camberwell Ward	
<b>From:</b>		Head of Highways	

## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Environment and the Public Realm:

1. Approve the implementation of a new raised zebra crossing on Maxted Road and the removal of three on-street parking spaces as shown in Appendix C, subject to the necessary statutory procedures.
2. Approve the raised zebra crossing to be implemented independently of the Southwark Spine so that it can be fast-tracked for following reasons:
  - Urgency to improve pedestrian safety particularly for Belham Primary School pupils;
  - High level of community support for the project;
  - The raised zebra crossing is unlikely to impact the remaining proposals on the Southwark Spine.
3. The new raised zebra crossing will be located on Maxted Road, approximately 20 meters from Bellenden Road, and will result in a net loss of three on-street parking spaces.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. The zebra crossing on Maxted Road comes from requests from the community to improve pedestrian crossing safety, particularly for Belham Primary School pupils. The proposal was investigated and designed as part of the school expansion programme and the Southwark Spine scheme.
5. In accordance with paragraph 22 of section 3D of the council's constitution, the Cabinet Member is responsible for the decision to implement any traffic and highway improvement project, subject to statutory consultation.
6. The zebra crossing was consulted as part of the Southwark Spine scheme as it forms part of the route and is in line with its objectives to improve walking and cycling. The consultation for the proposal opened on Wednesday 1 November 2017 and closed on Monday 4 December 2017. The Maxted Road raised zebra crossing was consulted as part of the Southwark Spine, with the consultation plan found in Appendix A.
7. A summary of the consultation results can be found in Appendix B.

8. The Maxted Road zebra crossing was highly supported. The main concerns raised were around on-street parking loss along the Southwark Spine route, and that the proposals do not do enough to reduce traffic volumes. There were no direct comments in relation to on-street parking loss at the Maxted Road zebra crossing.

## **KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **Summary of consultation process and findings**

9. Ward members were consulted prior to commencement of the consultation.
10. Public consultation, including key stakeholders, was carried out in November to December 2017.
11. 86 responses were received for the Maxted Road raised zebra crossing, with 59% satisfied/very satisfied, and 27% dissatisfied/very dissatisfied.
12. If approved for implementation this will be subject to statutory consultation required in the making of any permanent Traffic Management Orders. Any objections received will be the subject of a further report.
13. Full details of the consultation strategy, results, conclusions and recommendations can be found in Appendix B.

### **Other consultees**

14. Belham Primary School supported the zebra crossing.
15. Southwark Cyclists supported the zebra crossing.

### **Design changes based on consultation responses**

- The consultation plan is shown in Appendix A and the draft outline design is shown in Appendix C. Following consultation, the outline has changed to include additional footpath width on the southwestern side of Maxted Road for the provision of higher pedestrian volumes, particularly during school closure times.

### **Policy implications**

16. The recommendations contained within this report are consistent with the council's Transport Plan 2011, particularly

Policy 2.3 – Promote and encourage sustainable travel choices in the borough

Policy 5.1 – Improve safety on our roads and to help make all modes of transport safer

Policy 6.1 – Make our streets more accessible for pedestrians

### **Community impact statement**

17. The implementation of any transport project creates a range of community impacts. All transport schemes aim to improve the safety and security of vulnerable groups and support economic development by improving the overall transport system and access to it.
18. The recommendations will greatly assist the road safety of children at the adjacent school.

19. The recommendations support the council's equalities and human rights policies and promote social inclusion by:
  - Improving road safety, in particular for vulnerable road users including pedestrians and cyclists, on the public highway.

### **Resource implications**

20. The estimated cost of works, including fees and contingencies, of the proposed recommendations is approximately £55,000. The work will be funded from the Southwark Spine budget.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS**

### **Director of Law and Democracy**

21. The Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Realm is being asked to approve the implementation of a new raised zebra crossing on Maxted Road, associated by the removal of three on-street parking spaces, as shown in the draft outline design (Appendix C).
22. Part of the scheme requires a traffic management order. The procedure for implementing a traffic management order involves a statutory consultation. The report acknowledges that if any objections to the consultation cannot be informally resolved, then consideration of those objections and a decision on whether to proceed with that part of the scheme will be subject to a further report to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Realm.
23. The Equality Act 2010 introduced the public sector equality duty, which merged existing race, sex and disability equality duties and extended them to include other protected characteristics; namely age, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, religion and belief and sex and sexual orientation, including marriage and civil partnership. In summary those subject to the equality duty, which includes the Council, must in the exercise of their functions: (i) have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation; and (ii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. The report considers that these proposals will actually improve road safety and will therefore benefit elderly and disabled pedestrians and cyclists.
24. The Human Rights Act 1998 imposed a duty on the Council as a public authority to apply the European Convention on Human Rights; as a result the Council must not act in a way which is incompatible with these rights. The most important rights for planning purposes are Article 8 (respect for homes); Article 6 (natural justice) and Article 1 of the First Protocol (peaceful enjoyment of property).
25. The implementation of this transport scheme is not anticipated to have any detrimental impacts on a particular group or to breach the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.

### **Strategic Director of Finance and Governance**

26. The report is requesting approval from the Cabinet Member for Environment and the Public Realm to implement the Maxted Road raised zebra crossing.
27. It is noted that the cost of the proposed scheme is estimated to be approximately £55,000.

28. It is also noted that any future maintenance costs arising from this investment will be funded from existing departmental revenue budgets.
29. Staffing and any other costs connected with this recommendation to be contained with existing departmental revenue budgets.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Transport Plan 2011	Southwark Council Environment Public Realm Network Development 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Matt Hill 020 7525 3541

## APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix A	Final consultation drawing
Appendix B	Draft consultation report
Appendix C	Draft outline design

## AUDIT TRAIL

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Director of Law and Democracy	No	No
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