Maldens and Coombe Neighbourhood Committee
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Junction of Coombe Road and Lime Grove - Options Appraisal Update
Report by Head of Kingston and Sutton Shared Environment Service

Purpose
To update the committee on investigations into the fatal collision on 17 Nov 2015 and progress against actions set out in the report to April committee.

Recommendations
To Resolve that:-

1. The short term lighting improvements to the Zebra Crossing, approved at April committee, are implemented during the summer break.

2. Officers continue to develop preliminary designs with the aim of holding a meeting with stakeholders by mid July and consulting on an agreed option(s) after the summer break in September.

Key Points

A. The Metropolitan Police have indicated that the Coroner’s Inquiry into the fatal collision is due to begin on 19 July 2016. When details of the findings are published officers will circulate these to key stakeholders along with comments on any points relating to the highway.

B. As a short term improvement and following discussion with a street lighting engineer, officers propose replacing the yellow flashing belisha beacons at the crossing with new high intensity LED units, along with upgrading lighting units on nearby lighting columns to bring light levels up to the latest standard for roads adjacent to pedestrian crossings. It is intended the changes would be implemented during the summer break.

C. The programme for investigations into the feasibility of further measures (listed under section 2) has had to be revised for which officers apologise. Work on developing preliminary designs for improvements to the junction and crossing is currently being progressed with the intention of consulting on a preferred option(s) after the summer break in September.

D. The preliminary designs are to include progressing a layout for amendments to the junction of Coombe Road and Cambridge Avenue, approved by committee in September 2014.

E. Officers intend to hold a meeting with key stakeholders in mid July. Drawings of officers preliminary proposals will be tabled for discussion, with the aim of identifying a preferred option or options.

F. The development of the nearby petrol station site at 71-73 Coombe Road was approved at Development Control Committee on 8 June 2016 and the applicant has agree to make a contribution of £50,000.00 towards
improvement works on the public highway. Subject to signing of legal agreements setting out the timescale for when the monies would become available, officers will be seeking to procure part or all of this contribution to add to the 2016/17 LIP funding already allocated to the B283 Coombe Road Corridor.

Context

1. Members will be aware of the collision involving the fatality of a child that occurred on 17 November 2015 along with the subsequent petition and site meetings. Further details are included in the reports to February committee (Appendix C) and April committee (Appendix D).

2. Further investigations identified in the report to April committee are as follows:-
   - Detailed investigation into feasibility of moving the crossing southwards to allow footway widening.
   - Short term consideration given to putting up advance warning signs increasing lighting levels at the crossing and adding high intensity flashing units to the beacons.
   - Subject to an acceptable design being achievable for relocating the zebra crossing to the south of Lime Grove, carry out a detailed investigation into the possible future upgrading of the facility to a Pelican Crossing.
   - Consider the feasibility of introducing a school safety zone, including a 20mph speed limit.
   - Investigate amending the Lime Grove junction to include a no entry to vehicles on Coombe Road and possibly a short section of one way road up to the builders’ yard access. The one way would be in an eastbound direction giving access onto Coombe Road.

Timescale

3. Work on developing preliminary designs for improvements to the junction and crossing is currently being progressed with the intention of consulting on a preferred option(s) after the summer break in September. Following the July committee meeting officers plan to hold a meeting with key stakeholders in mid July to discuss preliminary proposals with the aim of identifying a preferred option or options, to go to consultation in September. Draft copies of the consultation documents will be circulated for members approval by mid August.

Resource Implications

4. Consideration can be given to funding implications as part of the assessment of the options appraisal. However, officers would highlight that as part of the 2016/17 LIP settlement there is funding of £45,000 for an assessment the B283 Coombe Road corridor, and Members may wish to consider the scope of the works involved in that project. Officers are also seeking to procure part or all of a further £50,000.00 in developer contributions as detailed above.
Legal Implications

5. There are no legal implications attached to this report at this stage.

Risk Assessment

6. A risk assessment will be carried out as part of the detailed investigations and preliminary design.

Equalities Impact Assessment

7. The proposed works are covered by the overarching LIP EQIA, and as such there is no need for an individual assessment to be made.

Network Implications

8. There are no significant network implications associated with the possible improvement of the Zebra Crossing. The possible no-entry/one way would only be of significance for residents of Lime Grove and adjacent roads, and would have a small impact on journey times along with a marginal increase in flows on Chestnut & Sycamore Groves.

Environmental Implications

9. There are no environmental implications to be assessed as part of this report.

Background papers -

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