

Croydon Council

REPORT TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CABINET COMMITTEE 9 February 2011
AGENDA ITEM:	15
SUBJECT:	Proposed Zebra Pedestrian Crossings – Homestead Way near Comport Green
LEAD OFFICER:	Executive Director of Planning, Regeneration and Conservation
CABINET MEMBER:	Councillor Phil Thomas, Cabinet Member for Environment and Highways
WARDS:	New Addington
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: The benefits of the recommendation as set out below is in line with Croydon's Community Strategy of improving the environment section 6.1C and also the Croydon Plan 2006 Items 9.1 – 9.16.	
LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT (LAA) TARGETS: These are not applicable for this report.	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY: The estimated cost to implement the schemes as recommended in this report is £17,500 to be met from New Addington and Fieldway Connecting Communities Fund.	
FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO: Not a key decision.	

For general release

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet Committee are requested to :

- 1.1 agree the provision of zebra pedestrian crossing facilities in Homestead Way near the junction with Comport Green, New Addington as shown on the attached plan numbered TH2829.
- 1.2 authorise the Executive Director of Community Services to make the necessary Traffic Order and Notice to enable the zebra crossing to be implemented.
- 1.3 Approve the installation of the crossing at an estimated cost of £17,500 to be met from New Addington and Fieldway Connecting Communities Fund, subject to the outcome of the design and consultation process and no material representations being received to the Traffic Order and Notice.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Council has been successful in securing resources from the national Connecting Communities Fund to support a programme of initiatives to be delivered in New Addington and Fieldway. Following representations made by the New Addington Pathfinders residents' group three new zebra crossings were proposed and approved for the New Addington and Fieldway Wards at the Traffic Management Cabinet Committee meeting on 23 November 2010. A further zebra crossing is now proposed in Homestead Way near Comport Green.
- 2.2 The zebra crossing would provide safe crossing facilities for residents and all those using them, including those crossing to access bus stops and the nearby play area and green space. It would in particular benefit users with mobility impairments, the elderly and those with children.
- 2.3 Implementation of the zebra crossing will require statutory notices under the Road Traffic Regulation Act.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 Following representations made by the New Addington Pathfinders residents' group three new zebra crossings were proposed and approved for the New Addington and Fieldway Wards. A further zebra crossing is now proposed by the residents group for Homestead Way near Comport Green
- 3.2 The proposed zebra pedestrian crossing would enable pedestrian crossing activities to take place in a controlled manner by prioritising the use of the available road space. The proposals would have some adverse impacts which are:
 - Vehicular traffic will experience some minor additional delay by having to wait whilst pedestrians who have priority use the crossing facility.

- parking, loading and waiting are prohibited within “zig zag” markings. These are a legal requirement for zebra crossings.

The benefits of the proposals are however expected to outweigh the adverse impacts by providing pedestrians with appropriate road crossing facilities which should lead to a reduction in pedestrian casualties in the area and provide equality of access to services for all including vulnerable members of the community. The location is known to suffer from pedestrian collisions.

- 3.3 Homestead Way is a busy local distributor road with mainly residential properties. The proposed location for the crossing would provide local residents a safe location to cross this busy road. The crossing will also assist those looking to cross to bus stops; children’s play area and green open space located nearby.
- 3.4 The Council endeavours to introduce pedestrian crossings where they would be reasonably well used, reduce accident risk and encourage walking as a mode of transport. The Council also has a duty under the Traffic Management Act to improve facilities for vulnerable users such as those with disabilities.
- 3.5 Zig-zag markings are laid on both the approaches and the exits to the crossing to prohibit waiting, parking, and overtaking. Crossings should be sited a minimum of 5 metres away from the give-way line of a side road and the proposed location meets this requirement.
- 3.6 The proposals will require the statutory processes of giving public notice as required by the relevant sections of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Informal consultations have been carried out by staff in the Housing Community Development Team with residents directly affected by the proposal and the results show a general support for the proposal.
- 4.2 Informal consultations have also taken place with the Metropolitan Police, Fire Brigade, Cllr Pearson and the other Ward Councillors for the area who all support the proposals.
- 4.3 Formal public consultation will be undertaken by Public Notices and any material representations received will be referred back to the Cabinet Committee for consideration.

5. FINANCIAL & RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

1 Revenue and Capital consequences of report recommendations

	Medium Term Financial Strategy			
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Revenue Budget				

Expenditure				
Income				
Effect of Decision				
Expenditure				
Income				
Capital Budget	17.5			
Effect of Decision	17.5			
	0			

2 The effect of the decision

This report seeks to spend £17,500 on implementing the zebra crossing in Homestead Way near Comport Green. The scheme costs will be funded from the New Addington and Fieldway Connecting Communities Fund.

3 Risks

The proposed zebra crossing would be subject to the outcome of public notices. If the facilities cannot be implemented then the Housing Section would have to reallocate the funding to be spent elsewhere.

4 Options

The alternative would be the “do nothing” option and not provide the crossing facilities.

5 Future savings/ efficiencies

- 5.1 There are no financial savings or efficiencies arising from this report.
Approved by Ian Geary, Finance Manager, Planning regeneration & conservation

6. COMMENTS OF THE SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL

- 6.1 The Council Solicitor comments that before introducing formal pedestrian crossings in the form of zebra crossings, the Council must give public notice of the proposal as required by Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and consider any material objections received.

- 6.2 Approved by Gabriel MacGregor, Head of Legal Services (Corporate) on behalf of the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

7. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

- 7.1 There are no HR implications arising from this report. Design and supervision of the works will be undertaken by existing Planning, Regeneration and Conservation staff.

Approved by: Chris Baldwin, HR Business Partner, on behalf of the director, Human Resources & Organisational Development.

8. CUSTOMER IMPACT

- 8.1 In terms of customer focus, residents have called for the introduction of the zebra crossing and if the scheme goes ahead then this is likely to be regarded as a positive move.

9. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

- 9.1 Consultation with relevant and appropriate stakeholders will enable the views of all concerned to be known and where possible any necessary adjustments to the proposed scheme to be made.
- 9.2 Introduction of the proposed scheme will provide pedestrians with appropriate road crossing facilities which should lead to a reduction in pedestrian casualties in the area and provide equality of access to services for all including vulnerable members of the community.

10. ENVIRONMENTAL AND DESIGN IMPACT

- 10.1 Introduction of the proposed scheme will lead to an improvement in the road safety aspects of the general highways environment by reducing the level of conflict between pedestrians and drivers.
- 10.2 The schemes will impact adversely on the amount of on street parking available. There will be some delay to vehicular traffic while waiting for pedestrians to clear the crossing.

11. CRIME & DISORDER REDUCTION, and HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT

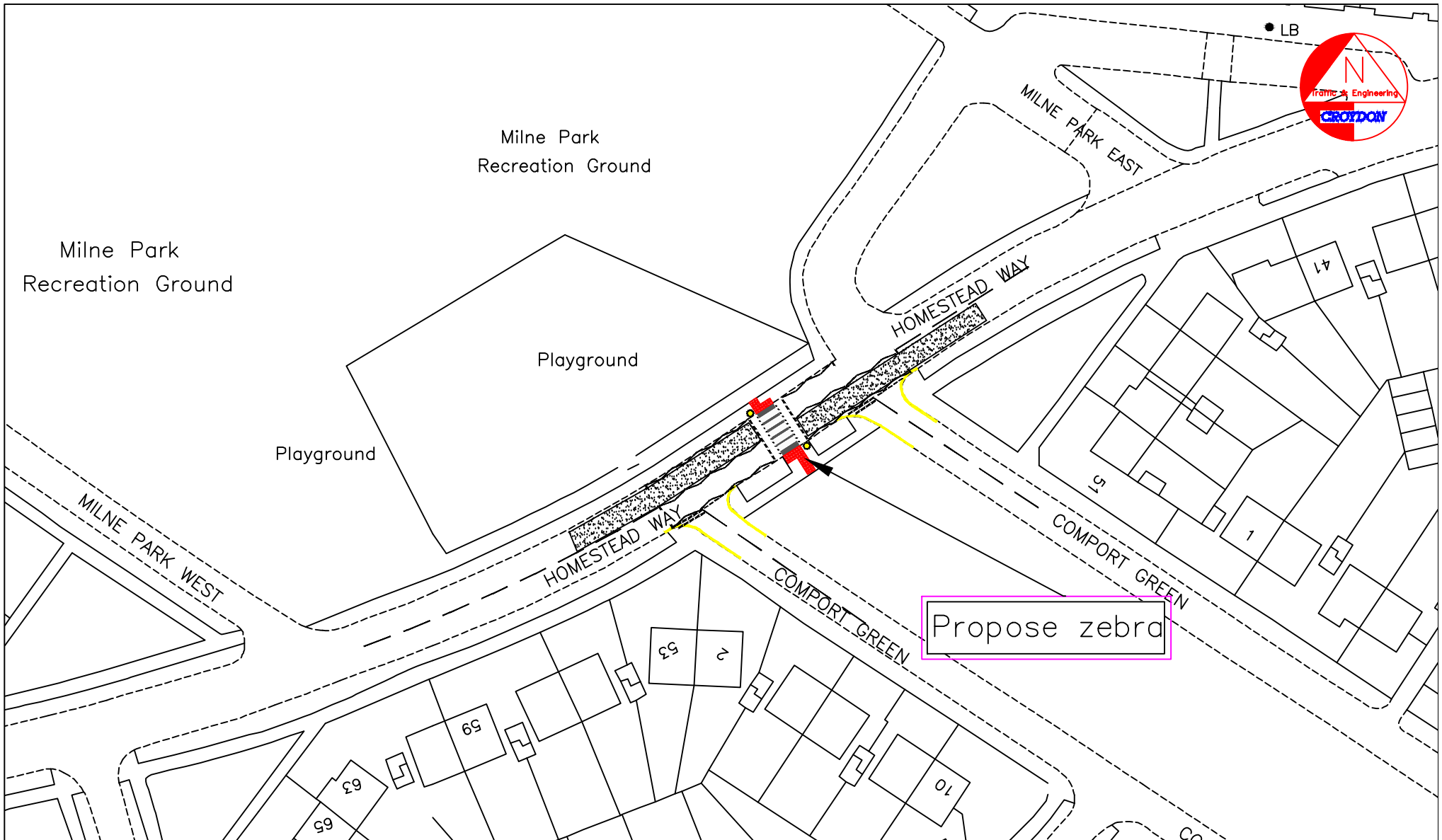
- 11.1 There are no crime & disorder reduction or human rights impacts arising from this report.

12. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION / DATA PROTECTION CONSIDERATIONS

- 12.1 None arising from this report.

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Background Documents: None



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Connection Communities
New Addington

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Homestead Way 2
Zebra crossing

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