

# Croydon Council

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CABINET COMMITTEE</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> February 2011</b>
<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION SCHEMES – WALKING BUS ROUTE FOR BENSON PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICER:</b>	<b>Executive Director of Planning, Regeneration &amp; Conservation</b>
<b>CABINET MEMBER:</b>	<b>Councillor Phil Thomas, Cabinet Member for Environment &amp; Highways</b>
<b>WARDS:</b>	<b>Shirley</b>
<b>CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT:</b>  The recommendations are 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.	
<b>FINANCIAL SUMMARY:</b>  The estimated cost of implementing the schemes recommended in this report is £10,000 to be met from the Council's 2010/2011 Smarter Travel (LIP) allocation for School Travel Plan Implementation Schemes. The attached plan numbered TH2788RA, shows the proposals.	
<b>FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO.:</b>	

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<p><b>1. RECOMMENDATIONS</b></p> <p>1.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet Committee agree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) To provide tactile paving facilities at various drop kerbs on the route to Benson Primary School.</li><li>(b) To create a new hard-standing crossing point through a grass verge to enable additional informal uncontrolled crossing facilities to be introduced near Benson Primary School.</li></ul> <p>To note that other works at the above school site also include remedial measures such as renewal of road markings and localised footway resurfacing in the vicinity of the above works.</p>
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## **2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 2.1 This report seeks approval for the implementation of School Travel Plan measures at Benson Primary School consisting of tactile paving at various road junctions near to the school and a hard standing crossing point through a grass verge (the proposed scheme).

### **3. DETAIL**

- 3.1 Benson Primary School in Shirley (the school) has received approval for its School Travel Plan and the proposed scheme is intended to remove barriers to walking and cycling to and from the school.
- 3.2 The school requested that a safety assessment for a 'walking bus' route be carried out to help pupils walk to and from Benson Primary School more safely. A walking bus is an organised walking initiative where school children are 'picked up' and escorted to school by two adults, a 'driver' at the front and a 'conductor' at the rear.
- 3.3 The route for this 'walking bus' runs from Broom Road to South Way, along part of Bridle Road, Temple Avenue, and Lime Tree Grove. The safety assessment for the route was carried out by officers in October 2010 and this identified measures that would help improve safety for pupils walking to school.
- 3.4 The proposed measures consist of the provision of tactile paving at various junctions along the route and a section of hard standing through a grass verge in Greenway Gardens at its junction with Lime Tree Grove, as indicated on the attached plan numbered TH2788RA.

### **4. CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 There is no requirement to carry out statutory consultations for the above scheme.
- 4.2 Benson Primary School has been consulted on the proposals following the safety assessment of the route and no negative comments have been made.

## 5. FINANCIAL 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	0	0	0	0
Income	0	0	0	0
Effect of Decision				
Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Income	0	0	0	0
Capital Budget				
Expenditure	10	0	0	0
Effect of Decision				
Expenditure	10	0	0	0

### 2 The effect of the decision

The proposals are fully funded by Transport for London (TfL) as part of their Smarter Travel LIP allocation and require no Croydon funding.

### 3 Risks

There is no financial risk to the Council in the short term as the proposed scheme is funded by TfL and any overspends can be met through the available TfL funding. In the long term the costs of maintaining these works will fall to the Council but this will be de-minimis and containable within the Council's highway maintenance budget.

### 4 Options

There are no other financial options available for these schemes. The funding for these projects will be deducted from the LIP allocation for Smarter Travel.

### 5 Savings/ future efficiencies

There are no savings arising from this report.

Approved by: Ian Geary, Finance Manager, Planning, regeneration & Conservation.

## **6. COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER**

- 6.1 The Council Solicitor comments that there are no legal considerations arising from this report.

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 additional staffing considerations arising from this report as the design and supervision of the Works will be carried out by existing engineering staff.

Approved by: Chris Baldwin, HR business partner, on behalf of the director, Human Resources & Organisational Effectiveness.

## **8. CUSTOMER IMPACT, ENVIRONMENTAL AND DESIGN IMPACT, EQUALITIES IMPACT, RISK ASSESSMENT**

- 8.1 The proposed works are in response to a request from Benson Primary School and the works will improve safety for pupils and all other pedestrians using this route, including partially sighted pedestrians, wheelchair users, and those with other disabilities. The scheme will help to encourage walking and reduce travel to the school by motorised modes.

## **9. CYCLING CONSIDERATIONS, CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT, HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT, FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/DATA PROTECTION CONSIDERATIONS.**

- 9.1 There are no direct impacts on the above arising from this report.

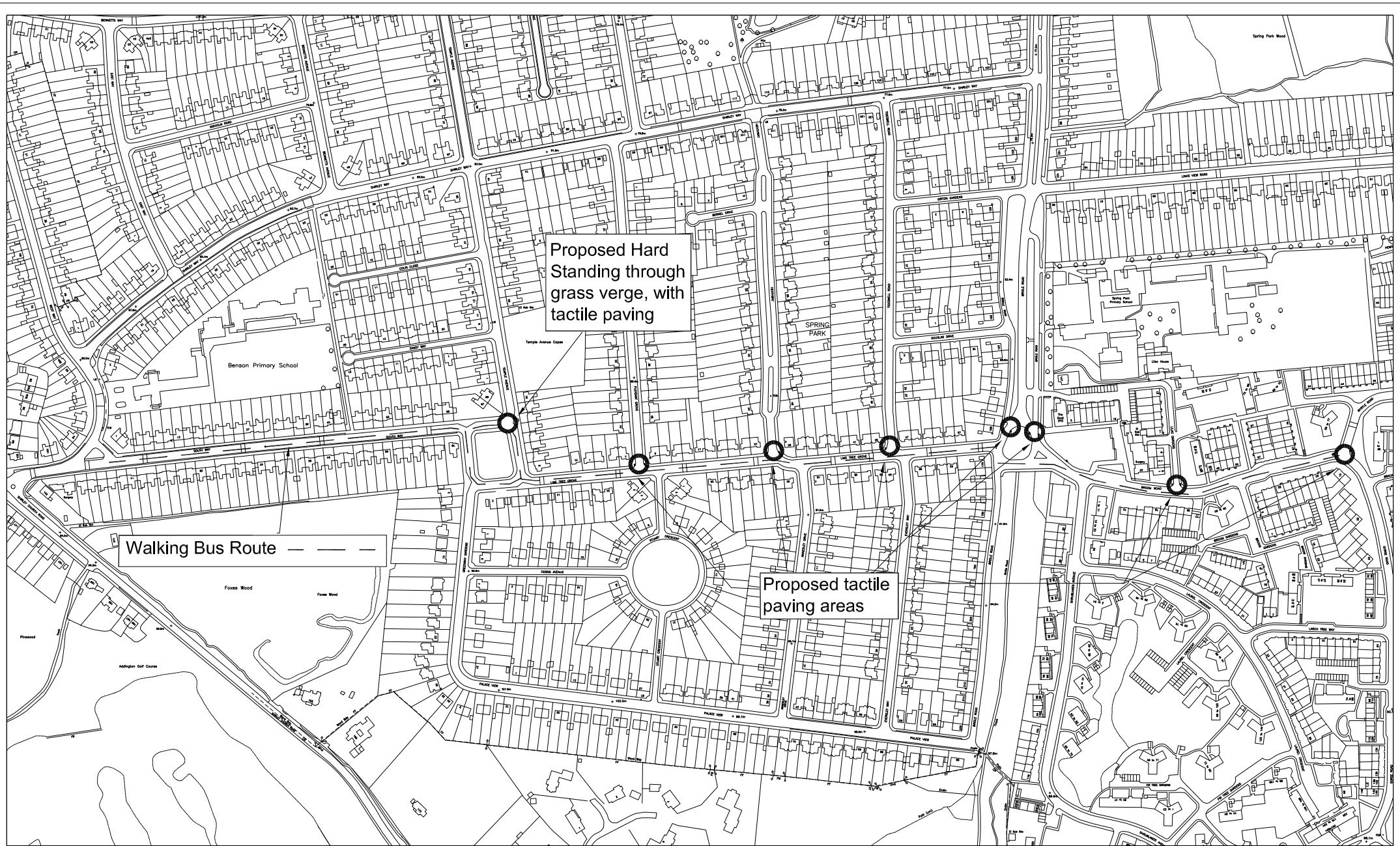
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**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:**

**None**



Benson Primary School S.T.P  
Route Improvemnts for Walking Bus

Proposed Tactile Paving and Hard  
Standing through Grass Verge

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