

North Tyneside Council

Delegated Decision Report

Date: 16 September 2022

Title: Pedestrian crossings – Five Arm Roundabout, North Shields

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Report to: John Sparkes, Director of
Regeneration and Economic
Development

Wards affected: Riverside

PART 1

1.1 Executive Summary:

This report seeks a delegated decision to advertise a proposal to establish and, in the event that no objections are received, proceed to establish three new or upgraded pedestrian crossings on Waterville Road, Prudhoe Terrace and Prudhoe Street, North Shields.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development:

- (1) agrees that notices for the proposal should be prepared and advertised in line with relevant statutory requirements; and
- (2) agrees that, if no representations are received following the period of consultation, pedestrian crossings shall be established in accordance with the proposal.

1.3 Forward Plan:

Seeking delegated decisions to advertise proposals to establish a pedestrian crossing and, in the event that no objections are received, to determine if a pedestrian crossing should be established is a standing item on the Forward Plan.

1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework

The proposals in this report relate to the following priority in Our North Tyneside, the Council Plan 2021 to 2025:

- A green North Tyneside
 - We will publish an action plan of the steps we will take and the national investment we will seek to make North Tyneside carbon net-zero by 2030

1.5 Information:

1.5.1 Background

The Authority has obtained grant funding from the Government's Highways Maintenance Challenge Fund (HMCF) for works in North Shields, including the proposals at 'Five Arm Roundabout' which seek to reduce future maintenance requirements, improve the junction efficiency and improve local walking and wheeling provision.

The proposals associated with this report involve improvements to the A1149 / A187 / Trinity Terrace / Waterville Road five-arm roundabout, on the south-west edge of North Shields town centre. It is proposed to reconstruct the centre and circulatory carriageway of the roundabout, resurface the carriageway on all approach arms to the junction, upgrade two zebra crossings and install one new zebra crossing. The proposals have been designed to ensure that highway conditions are conducive to support greater usage of walking and wheeling.

1.5.2 Proposal in relation to pedestrian crossings

It is proposed to establish three pedestrian crossings at the following locations:

- Waterville Road, North Shields
 - a. At a point 15m west of its junction with Prudhoe Terrace, from the southern kerb line of Waterville Road in a northerly direction to the northern kerb line of Waterville Road.
- Prudhoe Terrace, North Shields
 - a. At a point 25m northwest of its junction with Waterville Road, from the southwestern kerb line of Prudhoe Terrace in a north easterly direction to the north-eastern kerb line of Prudhoe Terrace.
- Prudhoe Street, North Shields
 - a. At a point 34m east of its junction with Prudhoe Terrace, from the north-western kerb line of Prudhoe Street in a south easterly direction to the south-eastern kerb line of Prudhoe Street.

The proposed installation of the pedestrian crossings will facilitate crossing the road when travelling by more sustainable modes and contribute to ensuring that highway conditions are conducive to support greater usage of walking and wheeling.

1.5.3 Consultation

The Cabinet Member for Environment has been updated on the proposals.

Arrangements are in preparation to update ward members on the proposals and to issue letters to households and premises directly affected by the proposals, to set out the elements of the proposals.

Arrangements have been made to contact the standard technical consultees in writing to advise of the proposals.

The statutory consultation process is set out in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Regulations that flow from that Act, namely, The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016. The authority which makes the proposal is required to consult the chief officer of police about its proposal and give public notice of the proposal.

In North Tyneside, in addition to being advertised in a local newspaper, notices advertising the proposal are displayed on the Authority's website and on roads affected by the order. Documents relating to the proposal are also available for public inspection at the Authority's offices at Quadrant. Objections to the proposal may be made within a period of 21 days starting from the date the notice was published.

In accordance with the Authority's scheme of Delegation to Cabinet Members, if any objections cannot be resolved, then the Cabinet Member for Environment is asked to consider those representations made and not withdrawn and to determine if a pedestrian crossing should be established.

1.6 Decision options:

The following decision options are available for consideration by the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development:

Option 1

To approve the recommendations as set out in paragraph 1.2 above.

Option 2

Not to approve the recommendations as set out in paragraph 1.2 above.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

Option 1 is recommended for the following reasons:

The proposals will increase safety for all road users and contribute to ensuring that highway conditions are conducive to support greater usage of walking and wheeling.

1.8 Appendices:

Appendix 1 Plan of scheme

Appendix 2 Equality Impact Assessment – Five Arm Roundabout, North Shields

1.9 Contact officers:

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1.10 Background information:

(1) [North Tyneside Transport Strategy](#)

(2) [Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984](#)

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

Funding to advertise and implement the proposal is available from the grant funding from the Highway Maintenance Challenge Fund.

2.2 Legal

Proposals that involve revocations or amendments to the provision of pedestrian crossings and the installation of any new pedestrian crossings are subject to statutory legal process set out in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Regulations that flow from that Act, namely, The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016. The authority which makes the proposal is required to consult the chief officer of police about its proposal and give public notice of the proposal.

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

2.3.1 Internal consultation

Internal consultation has involved the Cabinet Member for Environment.

2.3.2 Community engagement

The proposal is to be advertised in line with statutory process as also set out in section 1.5.3.

2.4 Human rights

The proposals within this report do not have direct implications in respect of the Human Rights Act 1998.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

An Equality Impact Assessment for the Five Arm Roundabout scheme has been undertaken and is attached as an appendix to this report.

2.6 Risk management

There are no risk management implications arising directly from this report. Strategic and operational risks associated with transport matters are assessed via the established corporate process.

2.7 Crime and disorder

There are no crime and disorder implications directly arising from this report.

2.8 Environment and sustainability

There are potential positive implications in that the proposals support the use of more sustainable modes of transport in preference to car use.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Chief Finance Officer

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- Monitoring Officer

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- Assistant Chief Executive

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Appendix 1

