

BARROW HIGHWAYS ADVISORY SUB GROUP**Meeting date: 4 June 2020****From: Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure****ALFRED BARROW HEALTH CENTRE – DUKE STREET
PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CONCERNS****1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1.1 This report seeks a recommendation from the Barrow Highways Advisory Sub Group (Barrow HASG) for Barrow Local Committee to agree to proceed to an assessment of the crossing of Duke Street from the patient car park to the health centre; with the results to be taken to a future meeting of the Barrow HASG.

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 This report supports the aims and objectives aims of the Council Plan, and the vision of the Council which is: A Council that works with residents, businesses, communities and other organisations to deliver the best services possible within the available resources.

2.2 It also supports the three outcomes the Council wants for the people of Cumbria which are;

- people in Cumbria are healthy and safe**
- places in Cumbria are well connected and thriving**
- the economy in Cumbria is growing and benefits everyone**

2.3 The Report complies with the Strategic Equality Assessments for the Highways and Transport Service. Individual schemes are assessed against equality criteria as appropriate.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That the Barrow HASG recommends that Barrow Local Committee agree to an assessment of the crossing of Duke Street from the patient car park to the health centre to be funded from the APM Speed Monitoring Budget; and that the results be taken to a future meeting of the Barrow HASG.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Developer applied to Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council by application reference B12/2015/0840 for planning permission for the following. To develop the Land by the demolition of extensions to the former Alfred Barrow School with retention of existing listed building and the construction of new two storey extension with rooftop plantroom to north of existing building and linked at both floor levels. The existing building to be refurbished and, with new extension will provide facilities for a new Primary Care Centre including clinical, administration and support services. External areas are to be reconfigured to provide staff and public car parking and parking for emergency vehicles with associated landscaping.
- 4.2 Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council granted planning permission on 18th May 2016.
- 4.3 The Developer applied to Cumbria County Council for a Section 278 agreement to carry out the highway works on Church Street, Duke Street and Ramsden Street.
- 4.4 The Section 278 agreement was signed on 4th July 2017.
- 4.5 The highway works consisted of :-
- *The narrowing of the alignment of Duke Street;*
 - *The relocation of gullies, lighting columns and upgrading of lanterns;*
 - *Resurfacing of carriageways and footways;*
 - *The creation of new vehicular access points;*
 - *Provision of an uncontrolled crossing point on new narrowed section of Duke Street;*
 - *New access and egress to new car park;*
 - *Emergency priority linkage to the existing traffic signals;*
 - *The creation of a delivery access on Ramsden Street.*
 - *Traffic regulation order to amend parking restrictions on Duke Street*
- 4.6 The construction of the highway works was carried out by a contractor appointed by the developer and the works were completed in October 2019.
- 4.7 The NHS made representation to the County Council on 29th May 2019 regarding concerns raised by a patient about the crossing of Duke Street. The construction works had already started and the highway works on Duke Street were not then finished. Their concerns were sent to the Developer and Contractor to action on 6th June 2019, however no further improvements or changes were made.
- 4.8 The County Council is not able to impose further improvements on the developer after the scheme has been approved through the Section 278 agreement. It would have to be within the developer's gift to do the additional work.
- 4.9 The NHS made further representations to the County Council on 29th November 2019. The highway works had now been completed and the County Council was awaiting the results of the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit; which was undertaken by an independent consultant.

- 4.10 The site visit for the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit was carried out on Tuesday 17th December 2019 and the final copy of the report was sent to the County Council in February 2020.
- 4.11 The audit didn't identify any recommendations regarding the crossing of Duke Street.
- 4.12 A formal response was sent to the NHS on 28th April 2020 concluding that "At this time the County Council will not be recommending any further crossing improvements to Duke Street."
- 4.13 The NHS have since made representations to the chair of the Barrow HASG. Reference was made to an incident involving a mobility scooter user on Duke Street, however the County Council does not have any details of this.
- 4.14 It is now recommended that this should be considered for assessment using the Local Transport Note LTN 1_95 Assessment of Pedestrian Crossing. Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions it would be sensible to carry out the crossing assessment when the restrictions are lifted to get a true indication of the vehicle and pedestrian numbers using Duke Street.
- 4.15 The estimated cost of the assessment is £1,000 which could be met from the Annual Package of Measures (APM) Speed Monitoring Budget.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 That Barrow HASG agree the recommendation at paragraph 3.1 of this report.
- 5.2 Alternatively, the Barrow HASG may decide to not to agree the recommendation at paragraph 3.1 of this report.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 If Barrow HASG agree to recommend to Local Committee that the assessment of the pedestrian crossing (recommendation 3.1) be carried out and Local Committee agree the recommendation, the estimated £1,000 cost would be met by the APM Speed Monitoring Budget (paragraph 4.15).
- 6.2 Barrow HASG is asked to note that any potential expenditure arising from recommendations following an assessment of the pedestrian crossing would be for HASG to consider at that stage and where appropriate to make further recommendations to Local Committee.(NG 12/05/20)

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Local Committees may, pursuant to Part 2D, paragraph 5.1.2 f) of the Constitution, agree and keep under review the implementation of, the highways revenue budget and capital programme for the local committee's area to support the Council to carry out its statutory duty to maintain the highway in a safe condition as far as reasonably practicable.

8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 It is recommended that Barrow HASG agree the recommendation at paragraph 3.1 requesting the agreement of Barrow Local Committee that an assessment of the crossing of Duke Street is carried out after the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

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May 2020

APPENDICES

None

Electoral Divisions: Old Barrow

Executive Decision

	No
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Key Decision

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If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?

		N/A
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Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?

	No
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If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?

		N/A
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Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny?
If so, give details below.

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Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?

	No	
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Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?

	No	
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N.B. If an executive decision is made, then a decision cannot be implemented until the expiry of the eighth working day after the date of the meeting – unless the decision is urgent and exempt from call-in and necessary approvals have been obtained.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS *[including Local Committees]*

No previous relevant decisions.

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No previous papers

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