

NORTHUMBERLAND

Northumberland County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY CORPORATE DIRECTOR CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES – BARRY ROWLAND

PROPOSED TOUCAN CROSSING B1334 SPITTAL FARM, NEWBIGGIN BY THE SEA

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding the provision of a Toucan Crossing on the B1334 Spittal Farm, Newbiggin by the Sea (see attached consultation plan in appendix A).

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

Given the outcome of the consultation as well as the comments received it is recommended that the proposals to provide a Toucan Crossing on the B1334 Spittal Farm, Newbiggin by the Sea, should proceed.

Key Issues

1) As part of the local cycle way development, statutory consultees were consulted on a proposed Toucan crossing.

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PROPOSED TOUCAN CROSSING B1334 SPITTAL FARM, NEWBIGGIN BY THE SEA

Background

Introduction

1. The proposed scheme is part of the local cycle way development, and a Toucan crossing facility is being proposed which will aid both pedestrians and cyclists crossing this busy road.
2. Concerns had also been raised by the Town Council and County Councillor Lang regarding the substandard footpath on the northern side of the proposed crossing. By introducing the crossing it is hoped that it will encourage pedestrians / cyclists to cross the road and cease using the northern footpath.
3. The request for a controlled crossing was placed on the Register of requests and was put forward as a priority for the 2013 / 2014 Minor Improvements Program (LTP).

Consultation

4. A scheme was prepared and was the subject of a consultation, which concluded 3rd October 2013.
5. The consultation exercise involved the delivery of a consultation letter together with a plan showing details of the scheme to statutory consultees; County Councillors Land and Simpson, Newbiggin Town Council; road user organisations; and other interested parties. A plan showing the scheme is attached together with a copy of the consultation letter (see Appendix A).
6. There were 3 statutory consultees that responded. The North East Ambulance Service recognised and appreciated the need for restrictions to improve road safety and supported the proposals, Arriva and the Cyclists Touring Club, also supported the proposals. Newbiggin Town Council supported the proposed Toucan Crossing.

Conclusion

7. It is recommended that, in view of the results of the consultation exercise, the scheme to provide a Toucan crossing facility should proceed.

Background Papers

File Ref: M/F/1/108/10

Implications Arising Out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Scheme will cost approximately £50,000 and will be financed from the 2013/14 Minor Improvements Programme (LTP)
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	None
Risk Assessment	Reduced vehicle speeds
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Considerations	Reduced vehicle speeds
Sustainability	Acceleration and braking of vehicles may increase vehicle emissions
Consultation	The relevant people and organisations were consulted
Wards	Seaton with Newbiggin West, Newbiggin Central and East

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Executive Member or Officer(s): Ian Swithenbank – Policy Board Member,
Streetcare and Environment
Barry Rowland - Corporate Director of Local Services

Subject: Provision of Toucan Crossing
B1334 Spittal Farm, Newbiggin by the Sea

Consultation 4 Responses
3 For
1 Neither For or Against

Decision Taken: Given the outcome of the consultation as well as the comments received it is recommended that the Toucan crossing should be provided.

Signature of Corporate Director



Date

29/11/13

APPENDIX A

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Dear Sir/ Madam

B1334 Newbiggin Proposed Toucan Crossing

As part of the local cycle way development, the County Council is considering introducing a Toucan Crossing facility on the B1334 Newbiggin.

The County Council is seeking your views on the proposals shown overleaf and a freepost response form is attached to facilitate the consultation process. It should be stressed that this is a genuine consultation and that comments received will be carefully considered.

The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is shown on the response form. Please visit the following web address

<http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk> if you wish to respond to this consultation online.

I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely



Transport Projects Officer

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DRAWING No. A3



NOTES

Existing lighting, drainage and signage to be reviewed within the vicinity of crossing as part of overall scheme.

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PROPOSED TOUCAN CROSSING

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