

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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Background

Introduction

- 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

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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

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lan 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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Thursday 22nd August 2013

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

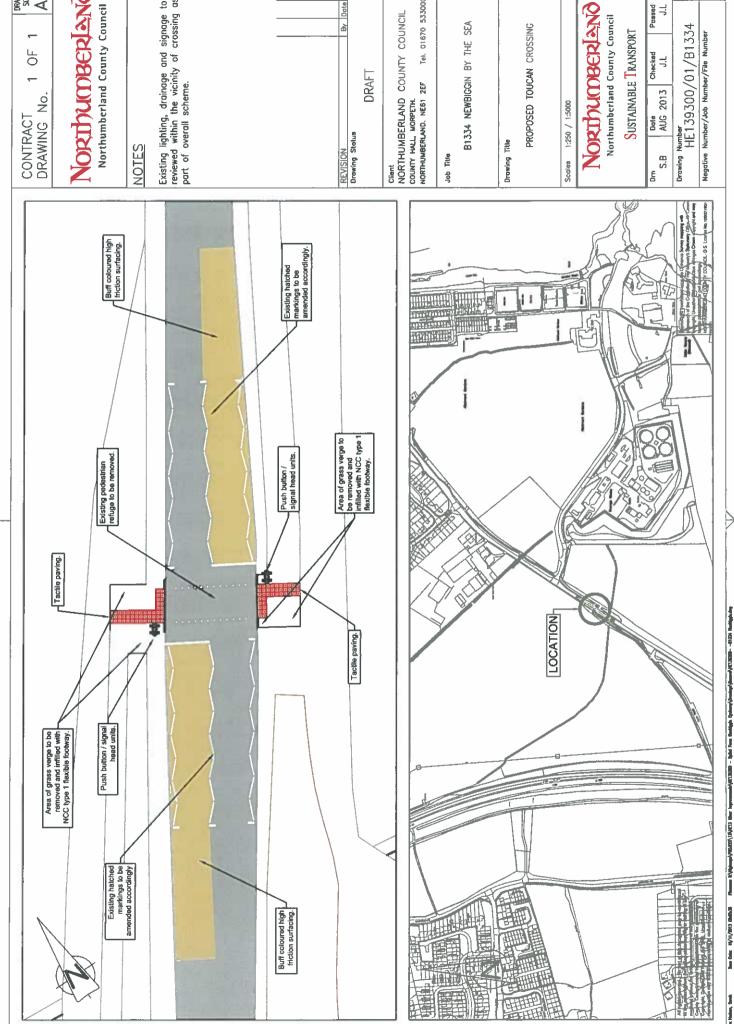
<u>http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/</u> if you wish to respond to this consultation online.

I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Transport Projects Officer





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

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| Town Council 1 | Initial | Arriva North East | No | Thoroughfare | Post Code | 1 | AGAINST | NEITHER | I would inform you that as an emergency service we recognise and appreciate the need for restrictions to improve road safety. I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme. Thank you for all the information provided and I confirm that the Town Council considered this consultation at its meeting last night alongside the LTP. Newbiggin by-the-Sea Town Council has for several years proposed the improvement of road safety along this route through submissions to the LTP. It is not opposed to the installation of a Toucan Crossing on the B1334 as it will certainly slow and stop traffic while pedestrians and cyclists cross at that point making crossing much safer than at present. It also fits well with the Portas projects linking to the NCN1 and dropped kerbs at Sandy Bay entrance. As a minimum it is essential that the vegetation is cut back alongside the existing footway to the roundabout which is significantly overgrown and overhung with trees and shrubs. Such work has not been done for some years and alongside a main road should be done each year to maintain and encourage safe use. What the Town Council strongly disagrees with is the removal of the existing, albeit substandard, footpath at Spittal Farm. It does not believe that such action would force pedestrians to cross the road even at a Toucan crossing but some would inevitably continue to walk along the road because it would be a shorter route and wouldn't involve crossing the road twice. Such a proposal would be detrimental to pedestrian and cyclist safety. While the proper widening of the footpath at Spittal Farm remains the best solution the pragmatic view because of the cost difference and benefit to the overall NCN connection for cyclists is to support the |
| | | Town Council | | | | | | 1 | installation of the Toucan crossing as soon as possible. |
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