



Northumberland County Council

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY CORPORATE DIRECTOR
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES: BARRY ROWLAND**

**PROVISION OF A PUFFIN CROSSING, NORTHUMBRIAN ROAD,
CRAMLINGTON**

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding a proposed puffin crossing in Northumbrian Road, Cramlington, (see attached consultation plan in appendix A).

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 1) A puffin crossing is provided on Northumbrian Road, Cramlington.

Key Issues

- 1) Cramlington Town Council included a request for a puffin crossing on Northumbrian Road near Allensgreen in their top three priorities for the Local Transport Plan Programme.
- 2) A survey found that the site meets the criteria for a controlled crossing.
- 3) The majority of consultation responses were in favour of the proposal.

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Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the *Places and Environment Aim* in the Corporate Plan:

Our aim is to maintain and further improve the quality of our towns, villages and countryside and make it easier for residents to access services and high quality, affordable homes and to travel using different modes of transport. To achieve this, we will keep Northumberland clean, green and safe from detrimental impacts of climate change, build more houses to benefit those most in need and provide a convenient, integrated public transport network.

Background

1. Cramlington Town Council requested a controlled pedestrian crossing on Northumbrian Road, in the vicinity of Allensgreen. This is one of their top 3 priorities for the Local Transport Plan Programme.
2. A pedestrian/vehicle survey found that the site meets the criteria for a controlled crossing.
3. The aim is to provide a safe crossing of Northumbrian Road so that residents of Allensgreen and adjacent areas on the west side can safely cross to reach the shops and services at High Pit Road to the east.
4. The proposed crossing is shown in Appendix A.
5. The location of the crossing is affected by the proximity of the nearby roundabout, however, the proposal links in well to the local footway network.
6. In order to accommodate the crossing, it is proposed to relocate the bus stop further north so it is outside the controlled area of the crossing (the zig-zag markings).
7. Funding has been allocated in the 2015-16 Local Transport Plan Programme to enable the works.

Consultation

8. A scheme was prepared and was the subject of a consultation which concluded on 3rd July 2015.
9. The consultation exercise involved the delivery of a consultation letter together with a plan showing details of the scheme to residents, statutory consultees; County Councillors I Swithenbank and K Graham, Cramlington Town Council; road user organisations; and other interested parties. The proposal was also available to view and comment via the Council's website. The consultation plan is attached as Appendix A.

10. Four responses were returned. Two were in favour, one was against while one did not state a preference. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.
11. One statutory consultee responded. The North East Ambulance Service recognised and appreciated the need for the scheme.
12. Cramlington Town Council supports the scheme.
13. Councillor Kathy Graham supports the scheme.
14. The response against the proposal suggested the crossing should be located closer to the roundabout. This is not possible under current regulations which state that crossings should be located at least 20 metres from a roundabout. The Town Council and Councillor Graham have both confirmed they agree with the proposed location.

Conclusion

15. It is recommended that a puffin crossing is provided on Northumbrian Road, Cramlington at Allensgreen.

Background Papers

File Ref: HE152307

Implications Arising Out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	None
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	None
Risk Assessment	None
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Considerations	None
Sustainability	None
Consultation	The relevant people and organisations were consulted
Wards	Cramlington Village Cramlington East

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Executive Member or Officer(s):

Barry Rowland: Executive Director of Local Services

Subject:

**PROPOSED PUFFIN CROSSING,
NORTHUMBRIAN ROAD, CRAMLINGTON**


Consultation

4 Responses
2 For
1 Against
1 Neither

Decision Taken:

- 1) A puffin crossing is provided on Northumbrian Road, Cramlington, near Allensgreen.

Signature of Executive Director

pp  Paul Jones

Date

28/7/15

Appendix A – Consultation Plan



Appendix B – Consultation Responses

FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
	1		The proposed crossing is too far down the path where people cross. People cross at the junction of the mini roundabout, they will not go down the path to the proposed crossing, then cross the road just to walk back up the other side. The crossing should be situated between the houses 41, 42 and 43 Allensgreen to maximise its use. If a council officer had watched where people crossed the road this would have been apparent. I've marked with two astrix's on your map where I think a crossing should be situated. Ideally the roundabout should be taken out and a light (traffic) system such as down on High Pit Road leading to the new hospital should be installed instead.
1			I can confirm the Town council supports this proposal.
		1	Thank you for your letter dated 22nd May 2015 in which you invite us to offer our comments on the above proposal. I would inform you that as an Emergency Service we may be required to use the above road(s) for access and egress in the event of being activated to attend an emergency call, or to convey patients to hospital for out-patient appointments. I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.
1			It would be a distinct advantage to rail off banked areas. As people will still try to cross especially at school times and busy work periods.
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