



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

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Report of the Assistant Director Highways, Transportation and Waste Management

Request for Pedestrian Crossing, London Road, Derby

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 On the 4 February 2005 a petition signed by 216 people was received requesting the provision of a pedestrian crossing on London Road near it's junction with Burnaby Street and Meadow Lane. This is shown on the attached Plan WNP 48002/1.
- 1.2 Requests for the installation of pedestrian crossings are assessed using criteria based on national guidance. The criteria is used to assess all types of pedestrian crossing facilities and ensures budgets are used to target areas in greatest need. The adopted criteria uses a threshold below which no further action is recommended. Above the threshold other factors such as the mobility and age of pedestrians, and the speed and composition of traffic are considered. A typical situation which would meet the threshold is 50 pedestrians crossing an hour across a traffic flow of 1000 vehicles.
- 1.3 Observations on site show that at times traffic flows are high and pedestrians sometimes have to wait for a safe gap in traffic. However, relatively few pedestrians cross here.
- 1.4 The highest pedestrian flow took place between 3 and 4 pm when 21 people crossed the road, all of these were adults and one was classified as elderly. During the same hour 1426 vehicles were recorded. The busiest traffic period occurred between 4 and 5 pm when 1575 vehicles travelled along London Road. During this hour seven people crossed.
- 1.5 A review of the road injury collisions at this location over the last five years shows that there were two pedestrian injury's recorded.
- 1.6 In conclusion the investigation indicates that the threshold for the installation of a pedestrian crossing facility is not met at this location.
- 1.7 Previous investigations of this location over the last few years did not meet the criteria.
- 1.8 The nearest pedestrian facilities on London Road are a pelican crossing near to the entrance with Alvaston Park and Brighton Road, and a pedestrian refuge near to the junction of Spencer Street and Curzon Lane.

PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To refuse the request for a pedestrian crossing facility on London Road.

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Background papers: None
List of appendices: None

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1.1 None.

Legal

2.1 None.

Personnel

3.1 None.

Equalities impact

4.1 None.