



Report of the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation

Request for a Pedestrian Crossing, Chain Lane, Littleover, Derby.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 On the 10 March 2006 a petition signed by 137 people was received requesting the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Chain Lane near Jackson Avenue.
- 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 minimum 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 Investigations have been carried out at Chain Lane. The highest pedestrian flow recorded on Chain Lane was between 8 and 9am when 41 people crossed the road. There were 25 children and 16 adults, 2 pedestrians were elderly. During this time 1050 vehicles used Chain Lane. It was observed that the majority of pedestrians crossed during school arrival and departure times. A review of road injury collisions over the past five years shows that there were no recorded pedestrian injuries on Chain Lane near to Jackson Avenue
- 1.4 These results reveal that the minimum threshold for the installation of a pedestrian crossing facility was not met. It was also observed on site that it would be very difficult to site / locate a crossing or refuge on Chain Lane near to the required pedestrian desire line.
- 1.5 In conclusion the investigation indicates that the threshold for the installation of a pedestrian crossing is not met. However, the most appropriate crossing facility for the pedestrian activity at this location is a school crossing patrol.
- 1.6 It was noted the school crossing patrol had been vacant for some time at this location. However a new school crossing patrol has now been appointed and became operational at the beginning of the September term.

PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To note the provision of a school crossing patrol on Chain Lane.

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