



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

## AREA PANEL 5 12 October 2005

Report of the Assistant Director Highways, Transportation and Waste Management

### **Request for Pedestrian Crossing, Park Lane, Allestree.**

#### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 1.1 On the 6 April 2005 a petition signed by 57 people was received requesting the provision of a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Park Lane, Cornhill and St Edmund's Close. This location is shown on the plan TC03/ALL/001, which will be circulated at the meeting.
- 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 use 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. Typically the minimum threshold is comparable with 50 pedestrians crossing an hour against traffic flows of 1000 vehicles.
- 1.3 Observations on site show that pedestrians cross easily and safely in gaps in traffic on all three approaches.
- 1.4 Pedestrian and vehicle surveys were carried out over a 12 hour weekday period on Park Lane, St Edmunds Close and Cornhill.
- 1.5 The highest pedestrian flow recorded on Park Lane was between 5 and 6pm when 8 people crossed the road. There were 2 children and 6 adults, 1 of which was elderly. During this time only 218 vehicles used Park Lane.
- 1.6 The highest pedestrian flow recorded on St Edmunds Close was between 3 and 4pm when 84 people crossed the road. There were 30 children and 54 adults, 11 of which were elderly. During this time only 66 vehicles used St Edmunds Close.
- 1.7 The highest pedestrian flow recorded on Cornhill was between 3 and 4pm when 28 people crossed the road. There were 11 children and 17 adults, 2 of which were elderly. During this time 275 vehicles used Cornhill.
- 1.8 A review of the road injury collisions on the approaches to this junction over the last five years shows that there have been no pedestrian injuries recorded.

- 1.9 In conclusion the investigation indicates that the threshold for the installation of a pedestrian crossing facility is not met at Park Lane, St Edmunds Close and Cornhill.
- 1.10 The footpath ends at this junction on the north side of Park Lane and all pedestrians have to cross the road. This creates difficulties for some pedestrians and it is felt that the creation of new footway as indicated on the plan would enhance visibility and pedestrian conspicuity thereby assisting people to cross the road.
- 1.11 Should members feel that the extension of the footway would be worthwhile, and would assist those wishing to cross the road, I propose to add this to the list of minor Traffic Management schemes to be funded from further LTP funds. The scheme will be added to the list of schemes to be considered for 2006/07 financial year.

<b>PROPOSED ACTION</b>
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- 2.1 To refuse the request for a controlled pedestrian crossing facility on Park Lane, Cornhill and St Edmund's Close.
- 2.2 To recommend that a scheme be added to the Traffic Management Minor Schemes preparation pool to investigate the creation of new footway at this point.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	None
<b>List of appendices:</b>	None

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

- 1.1 It is expected that the costs of a scheme to create new footway would not exceed £10,000.

**Legal**

- 2.1 None.

**Personnel**

- 3.1 None.

**Equalities impact**

- 4.1 None.