

Committee	Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment
Date	26 July 2010
Report By	Director of Transport and Environment
Title of Report	Pedestrian Crossing Facilities: Priority Assessment of Requests
Purpose of Report	To report the current position on requests received during 2009/10 and on schemes being developed.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Lead Member for Transport and Environment is recommended to:

(1) to note the progress on schemes identified as a high priority in July 2009;

(2) to defer the assessment of the requests received during 2009/10 pending the development of a new appraisal framework for the prioritisation of small transport schemes as part of the County's third Local Transport Plan; and

(3) to note the uncertainty surrounding the availability of funding in the future to support the implementation of schemes of this type.

1. Financial Appraisal

1.1 The Government has announced that some £1.2bn of in-year savings will be found from Local Government from a combination of Specific and Area Based Grants. For Transport and Environment that has resulted in a grant cut in 2010/11, targeted at Integrated Transport and Road Safety budgets of £1.9m. Savings plans to live within the reduced budgets available were considered by Cabinet on 5 July recommending some reductions in work of this nature.

1.2 The cuts this year are a likely signal of future areas to be targeted to meet the overall national budget deficit. It is unclear as yet what funding will be available for schemes of this type in the future and the relative priority that these schemes have in achieving our road safety aims and objectives. This will be explored as part of our review of this service area.

2. Supporting Information

2.1 The current priority list for the provision of pedestrian crossings was approved by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment in July 2009. Since the priority list was last approved 54 new requests for pedestrian facilities have been received by the County Council. Each of the requests has been considered against the pre-qualification criteria and the results are given in Appendix A.

2.2 Since that report was considered work has begun on the design of a number of schemes and a summary of progress on each is presented at Appendix B. It can be seen that, of those schemes taken forward, some five schemes are now at various stages of design. The future funding of schemes is uncertain until the outcome of the proposed central Government spending review in autumn of this year and with so many schemes

already in progress it would not be appropriate to begin work on investigating any new schemes.

2.3 In addition, a new appraisal framework for the prioritisation of small transport schemes is being developed and consulted upon as part of LTP3. This framework will replace the current assessment process for determining the relative priority of all integrated transport and road safety schemes including pedestrian improvement schemes, and will provide a more evidence based framework for determining priority across the whole spectrum of small transport schemes.

2.4 Under the circumstances a revised priority list for pedestrian facilities has not been drawn up. To draw up such a list would raise unrealistic expectations that those sites with the highest priority would be taken forward and schemes developed. All 28 requests received during 2009/10 which met the pre-qualification criteria will be retained on a list of desirable schemes and where possible alternative funding, such as from developments, will be sought. Once the new appraisal framework has been approved a full review of all these requests along with other small scale integrated transport and road safety schemes will be undertaken and a further report presented to the Lead Member recommending a way forward for these and future requests.

3. Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 Developing a revised priority list for schemes would raise unrealistic expectations at a time when it is not possible to commit to the implementation of any new schemes. Any new appraisal framework will change the way that priority for small transport schemes is determined and would render any priority list invalid. This is further complicated by the uncertainty around funding for such schemes which will be considered as part of the Reconciling Policy and Resources process.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: Report to Lead Member Meeting 27 July 2009 - Agenda Item 10

REQUESTS FOR PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES RECEIVED SINCE JULY 2009**APPENDIX A**

Parish	Road No	Description of Site	Meets pre-qualification criteria?	Comments
Alfriston	C39	North Street at access to Willows Car Park, Alfriston	No	Sample PV2 = 0.06
Bexhill	A269	Dorset Road near Chelsea Close, Bexhill	No	Sample PV2 = 0.07
Bexhill	A269	London Road near Victoria Road, Bexhill	No	Sample PV2 = 0.08
Bexhill	A269	Ninfield Road near Southlands Road, Bexhill	Yes	Sample PV2 = 0.23
Bexhill	B2182	Marina at De La Warr Pavillion, Bexhill	Yes	Sample PV2 = 0.35
Bexhill	C346	Turkey Road at Southlands Estate, Bexhill	Yes	Sample PV2 = 0.21
Bexhill	U6736	De La Warr Parade at Sackville Apartments, Bexhill	No	Sample PV2 = 0.02
Brede	A28	Cackle Street near Roselands, Brede	No	Sample PV2 = 0.001
Chailey	A272	o/s Chailey Heritage, North Chailey	Yes	Sample PV2 = 0.22
Cooksbridge	A275	A275 near Hamsey school, Cooksbridge	No	Sample PV2 = 0.14
Crowborough	A26	A26 near Leisure Centre, Crowborough	Yes	Sample PV2 = 0.46
Crowborough	B2100	Crowborough Hill at footpath route to Beacon College, Crowborough	Yes	Sample PV2 = 2.11
Crowborough	B2100	Crowborough Hill between Darwin House & Medical Centre, Crowborough	No	Sample PV2 = 0.1
Crowborough	B2100	Rotherfield Road between Western Road and Mottins Hill, Crowborough	Yes	Sample PV2 = 0.3
Crowborough	B2157	Green Lane near Poundfield Road, Crowborough	No	Sample PV2 = 0.07
Crowborough	B2157	Green Lane outside Beacon College, Crowborough	Yes	Pedestrian casualty
Crowborough	C11	Croft Road near Church Road, Crowborough	Yes	Sample PV2 = 0.21
Crowborough	U7253	Church Road near Croft Road, Crowborough	No	Sample PV2 = 0.15
East Dean	A259	A259 at Friston Pond, East Dean	Yes	Sample PV2 = 0.24
Eastbourne	A2270	Willingdon Road north of Crossways Roundabout, Eastbourne	No	Sample PV2 = 0.03
Eastbourne	U2132	Cornfield Road near Lushington Road, Eastbourne	Yes	Pedestrian casualty
Eastbourne	U2259	Terminus Road at Cornfield Road, Eastbourne	Yes	Pedestrian casualty
Groombridge	C70	Station Road, Groombridge	No	Sample PV2 = 0.18
Hastings	A2102	Norman Road near Warrior Square, Hastings	Yes	Pedestrian casualty
Hastings	A259	Old London Road near Ashburnham Road, Hastings	Yes	Pedestrian casualty

Hastings	B2093	The Ridge near Sandrock Park, Hastings	Yes	Pedestrian casualty
Hastings	C212	Mount Pleasant Road/Elphinstone Road, Hastings, Hastings	No	Sample PV2 = 0.05
Hastings	U3016	Harrow Lane between The Ridge and Little Ridge Avenue, Hastings	Yes	Pedestrian casualty
Hastings	U3070	Old Harrow Road, Hastings	Yes	Pedestrian casualty
Hastings	U3160	St Margaret's Road near steps west of Schwerte Way, Hastings	Yes	Pedestrian casualty
Hastings	U3178	Bethune Way south of Queens Road Roundabout, Hastings	Yes	Pedestrian casualty
Hastings	U3186	Priory Road o/s Castledown School, Hastings	No	Sample PV2 = 0.06
Heathfield & Waldron	C273	Station Road south of High Street, Heathfield	No	Sample PV2 = 0.06
Hellingly	A22	A22 at Lower Dicker	No	Sample PV2 = 0.14
Herstmonceux	A271	A271 near the post office, Windmill Hill	Yes	Sample PV2 = 0.21
Horam	B2203	High Street north of A267, Horam	No	Sample PV2 = 0.03
Lewes	A2029	Market Street near West Street, Lewes	No	Sample PV2 = 0.09
Lewes	A2029	West Street near Wallis & Wallis, Lewes	Yes	Sample PV2 = 0.3
Lewes	A275	Brighton Road near Houndean Rise, Lewes	Yes	Pedestrian casualty
Lewes	C7	C7 at Swanborough nr Lewes	No	Sample PV2 = 0
Lewes	U5162	Southover High Street outside school, Lewes	No	Sample PV2 = 0.1
Peacehaven	A259	South Coast Road near Malines Avenue, Peacehaven	Yes	Sample PV2 = 0.31
Peasemars	A268	Main Street at The Maltings, Peasemars	No	Sample PV2 = 0.02
Pevensy	A259	A259 near Castle Drive, Pevensy	No	Sample PV2 = 0.1
Pevensy	U7294	Coast Road at Kiosk, Pevensy Bay	No	Sample PV2 = 0.003
Polegate	B2247	Hailsham Road east of Sayerland Road, Polegate	No	Sample PV2 = 0.05
Seaford	A259	near Hill rise junction, Seaford	Yes	Sample PV2 = 0.35
Seaford	U5497	Chichester Road near Kedale Road, Seaford	No	Sample PV2 = 0.02
Seaford	U5499	Belgrave Road near Kingsmead, Seaford	Yes	Sample PV2 = 0.3
St Leonards	A2102	London Road near Norman Road, St Leonards	Yes	Sample PV2 = 1.78
Stonegate	C214	Lynden Hill/Witherenden Hill crossroads (outside School), Stonegate	No	Sample PV2 = 0.00003
Stonegate	C83	Lynden Hill/Witherenden Hill crossroads (Cottenden Road), Stonegate	No	Sample PV2 = 0.0002
Uckfield	C26	High Street outside St Phillips Primary School, Uckfield	Yes	Sample PV2 = 0.47
Wadhurst	B2099	High Street outside Uplands Community College, Wadhurst	Yes	Sample PV2 = 0.39

PROGRESS ON SITES IDENTIFIED IN 2009**APPENDIX B**

	Parish	Road Number	Description of Site	Comment
Constructed	Eastbourne	A22	Highfield Link south of Shinewater Roundabout	Puffin Crossing constructed 2009/10
	Newhaven	A259	Denton Corner	Toucan Crossing constructed 2009/10
Construction programmed	Long Man	A259	A259 at Seven Sisters Country Park	Design in progress, details of exact scheme still to be agreed following external consultants report, construction not yet programmed.
	Eastbourne	B2104	Langney Rise	Design in progress, construction of Puffin Crossing not yet programmed.
	Eastbourne	U2084	Eldon Road	Design in progress, construction of Zebra Crossing not yet programmed.
	Hastings	A21	Sedlescombe Rd North at SCP for Silverdale School, Hastings	Design in progress, construction of Puffin Crossing not yet programmed.
	Wadhurst	B2099	High Street between Washwell Lane & The Square, Wadhurst	Design being reviewed in the light of consultation, construction of Zebra Crossing not yet programmed.