

Committee	Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment
Date	28 July 2008
Report By	Director of Transport and Environment
Title of Report	Petition for a pedestrian crossing on Brighton Road, Lewes
Purpose of Report	To consider a petition requesting a pedestrian crossing on Brighton Road, Lewes, near Clevedown

RECOMMENDATION:

To advise the petitioners that this location does not meet the County Council's current criteria for the provision of a pedestrian crossing.

1. Financial Appraisal

1.1 There are no additional financial implications at this stage in respect of the recommendations detailed in this report.

2. Supporting Information

2.1 At the County Council meeting on 20 May 2008 Councillor O'Keeffe presented a petition to the Chairman requesting a pedestrian crossing on Brighton Road, Lewes.

2.2 A copy of the petition is available in the Members' room. Standing Orders provide that where the Chairman considers it appropriate, petitions are considered by the relevant Committee or Lead Member and that a spokesperson for the petitioners be invited to address the Committee. The Chairman has referred this petition to the Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment.

3. Comments / Appraisal

3.1 On 3 March 2003 the Lead Member for Transport and Environment agreed an assessment procedure for prioritising requests for pedestrian facilities to ensure that these are provided on the basis of impartially assessed need. As part of that procedure an initial assessment on any request for pedestrian facilities is undertaken. There are two routes towards a detailed investigation: (1) where a pedestrian casualty has been recorded, that site will automatically progress to a more detailed investigation; and (2) where there is no pedestrian casualty record a sample one hour count of pedestrians (P) and vehicles (V) will be undertaken and only sites with a sample PV^2 value in excess of the approved criterion level will be considered for the provision of pedestrian facilities. Research has demonstrated that the PV^2 rating is a realistic and reliable measure of how difficult it is to cross a road.

3.2 Sussex Police records show that no pedestrian casualties have been recorded on Brighton Road in the vicinity of Clevedown and, therefore, a sample survey has been undertaken at this location. The survey was conducted in late June and 9 pedestrians and 794 vehicles were recorded during the survey giving a sample PV^2 of 0.06×10^8 .

3.3 Under the current criteria only sites with a sample PV^2 in excess of 0.2×10^8 are put forward for a detailed investigation. This site does not meet the approved criteria for further action.

3.4 Elsewhere on this agenda the Lead Member is recommended to approve a revised priority assessment process for crossing requests. However, it is proposed that this pre-qualification criterion should remain unaltered as it is considered to provide a simple and effective way of carrying out an initial coarse assessment. This ensures that our limited resources are not used on the detailed investigation of sites that will have a low priority and avoids raising unreasonable public expectations.

4. Conclusion and Reason for Recommendation

4.1 Surveys have shown that this site does not meet the minimum criteria to be considered further for the provision of a pedestrian crossing.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Lead Member Report – 3 March 2003 – Pedestrian Crossing Assessment Procedure
Policy Summary – PS4/7.