

Committee	<b>Lead Member for Transport and Environment</b>
Date	<b>24 February 2009</b>
Report By	<b>Director of Transport and Environment</b>
Title of Report	<b>Petition for a pedestrian crossing on Eldon Road, Eastbourne</b>
Purpose of Report	<b>To consider a petition requesting a pedestrian crossing on Eldon Road, Eastbourne</b>

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:** The Lead Member is recommended to advise the petitioners that:

- 1. This location is already included on the County Council's priority list of desirable pedestrian crossing schemes; and**
  - 2. The relative priority of this site compared to other requests across the County will be reviewed and the results considered by the Lead Member in July 2009**
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### **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 9 December 2008 Councillor Skilton presented a petition to the Chairman stating:

"I/We the undersigned call on the Conservative County Council to install a crossing for pedestrians in Eldon Road. We need safe travel to and from schools in the area."

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 The County Council has previously been requested to consider the provision of a pedestrian crossing in Eldon Road to serve children attending Ocklynge Junior School and The Cavendish School. It was included in the last priority assessment of requests the outcome of which was reported at the Lead Member meeting on 28 July 2008. At that time it was ranked 15<sup>th</sup> out of 59 sites on the list and did not achieve sufficiently high priority to be a candidate for construction.

3.2 At the same time, the Lead Member approved a revised process for assessing requests, based on a points system, which gave additional weighting to locations which had been identified in a relevant School Travel Plan. This has been publicised widely to schools and the site on Eldon Road has recently been highlighted in the travel plan for Ocklynge Junior School. As a result it is likely that the site will have a higher rank when reassessed this year although this will depend on the outcome of the full assessment of all new requests which is currently in progress. It is anticipated that a revised priority list will be presented for consideration by the Lead Member in July 2009.

#### **4. Conclusion and Reason for Recommendation**

4.1 Eldon Road is already included on the list of desirable pedestrian crossing schemes and its relative priority is reassessed annually against new and existing requests.

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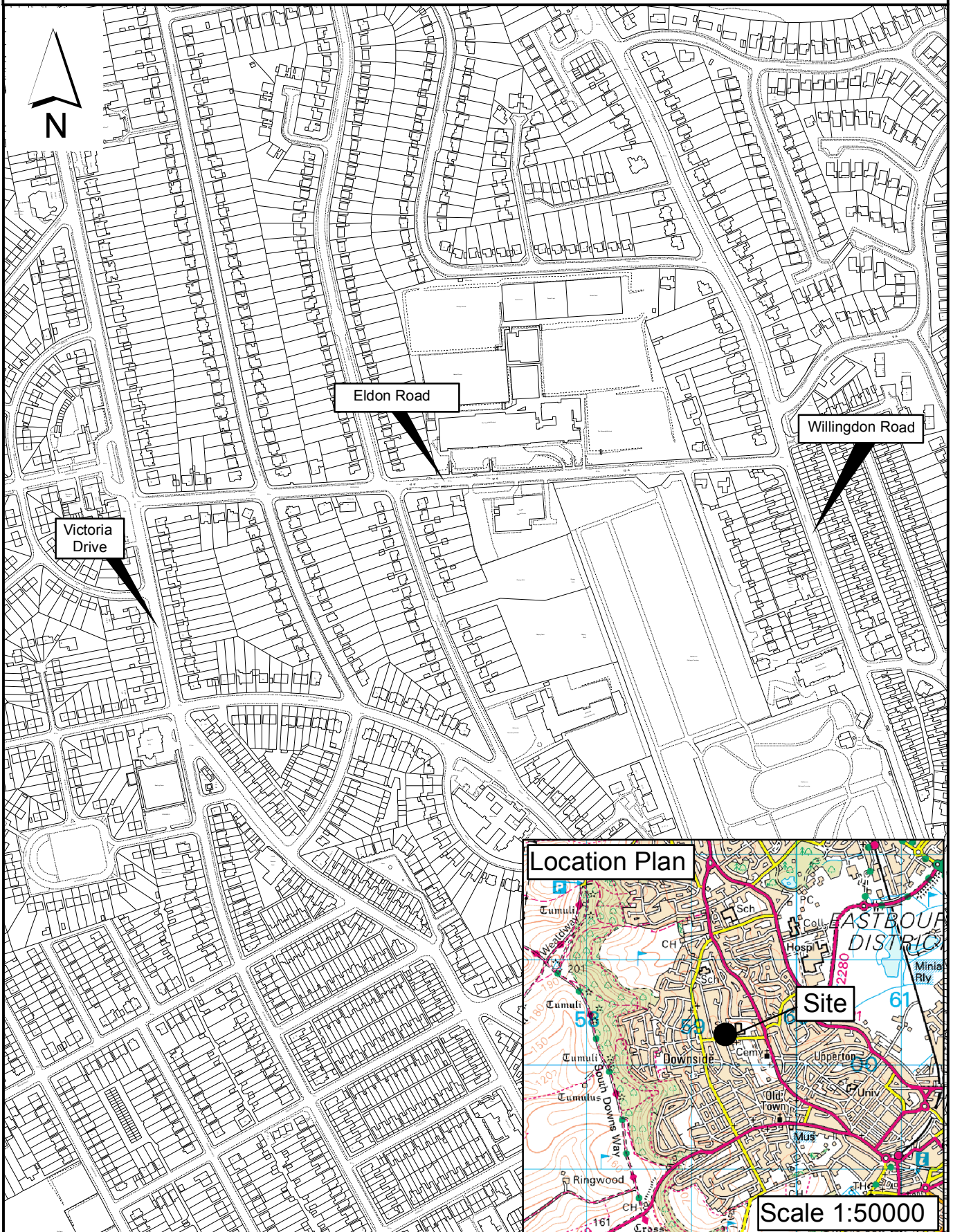
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#### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Petition

Report to Lead Member Meeting 28 July 2008 (Agenda Item 7)

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