

Title of meeting: Cabinet meeting

Date of meeting: 30 November 2021

Subject: Safer Routes To School 2021-22

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Wards affected: Baffins, Copnor, Fratton, multiple

Key decision: No

Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

To consider the locations suggested for safer routes to school measures as part of the Safer Improvements LTP 2021/22 programme.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation:

- 2.1 Approves the spend from the Local Transport Plan 3 - Safer Routes to School budget to be spent at the following locations:**
- **Burrfields Road (£30,000)**
 - **New Road (£60,000)**
 - **Multiple locations - visibility and awareness treatments (£60,000)**

3. Background

- 3.1** Safety for children and parents on the journey to school is currently supported by several behaviour change initiatives, including school streets, where motor vehicle access is limited close to school entrances, and the Pompey Monster Walk to school challenge which teaches children about road safety and encourages them to walk and cycle to school.

Creating a safe transport network around school sites in the city will support those who choose to travel actively to school, contributing to a key strategic objective of LTP4. The work that this budget seeks to fund will identify and remedy safety issues on the road network around schools, as per the statutory obligations laid under Section 39 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 related to road safety, including

taking steps to reduce and prevent accidents, promoting road safety, and securing the safe movement of traffic and pedestrians.

3.2 The Portsmouth City Council Safer Routes to School programme has the following objectives:

- To promote safer, more environmentally sustainable and healthier ways of getting to and from school, with particular emphasis on walking and cycling through engineered changes to the main walking and cycling routes to schools.
- To reduce the risk of casualties from accidents occurring on routes to schools
- To support and contribute to the objectives outline in LTP4

4. Site Selection

Burfields Road (ALNS)

4.1 Burrfields Road is a 30mph road located within a commercial and industrial area, linking residential areas to the west with Admiral Lord Nelson School. The route has a shared use path on the southern side and an advisory cycle path on the northern side.



4.2 There is a pattern of behaviour within the accidents along the section pictured above which indicates drivers moving between the carriageway and side roads or access roads fail to look before initiating their turning movement and

subsequently cut across cyclists using the shared use path. This pattern is particularly prevalent at the junctions with Claybank Road and Kiln Road.

The location intersects with proposed LCWIP cycle route 301, which takes cyclists across Burrfields Road and south down Money field Avenue. This will create a safe route for cyclists heading south; this budget seeks to improve safety for cyclists heading to and from the school (and surrounding commercial area) from the west.

- 4.3 Proposed measures could include high friction surfacing along across junction mouths to heighten awareness of pedestrians and cyclists using the space, and additional signage at vehicle crossover points. Give way markings at junctions could be set back, to give cyclists and pedestrians using the facility priority over emerging vehicles.

New Road (Newbridge Junior School)

- 4.4 New Road is a 30mph mixed use road linking Copnor Road in the East with Kingston Road in the west. The road is a bus route, with residential and commercial properties and some on street parking.



- 4.5 There is a pattern of accidents involving cyclists on the eastern section of the road, particularly around the junction with New Road East where the carriageway is very wide. A speed survey undertaken in September 2021 indicated a 85th percentile speed of 31mph - significantly higher than the speed limit, indicating that some form of traffic calming

- 4.6 Potential solutions could include tightened geometry at the junction of New Road and New Road East, via an island treatment similar to the southern end of Haselmere Road (see below). This would improve pedestrian access across the northern side of the road and reduce speeds at the junction. Additional traffic calming on the approach to the zebra crossing at Newbridge Junior School's entrance gates will also be considered.



Multiple locations - visibility and awareness treatments

- 4.7 Sites to be considered for inclusion (subject to further investigation, not in order of priority):
- Penhale Road (Penhale Infant School, Mary Rose Academy/The Lantern).
 - Orchard Road (Priory School)
 - Tangier Road (Portsmouth College)
 - Kent Road (Portsmouth High School)
 - Raglan Street (Ark Ayrton Primary Academy)
 - Portchester Road / Wymering Road (New Horizons Primary School)
 - Upper Arundel Street (St Edmunds Catholic School)

5. Integrated impact assessment

- 5.1 A full Integrated Impact Assessment accompanies this report.

6. Legal implications

6.1 It is the duty of a local authority to manage its road network with a view to achieving, so far as may be reasonably practicable having regard to its other obligations, policies and objectives, the following objectives:

- (a)securing the expeditious movement of traffic on the authority’s road network; and
- (b) facilitating the expeditious movement of traffic on road networks for which another authority is the traffic authority.

6.2 Local authorities have a duty to take account of the needs of all road users, take action to minimise, prevent or deal with congestion problems, and consider the implications of decisions for both their network and those of others.

7. Director of Finance's comments

7.1 The cost of these schemes is £150,000 and will be funded from the 2021/22 Local Transport Plan (LTP) allocation in the approved capital programme.

7.2 The cost will cover the design, construction works and a commuted sum associated with the scheme.

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Appendices:

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/
rejected by on

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