

Division: Abingdon (South)

CABINET – 25 NOVEMBER 2014

FOLLOW-UP TO CALL-IN OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT'S DECISION RE: PROPOSED PELICAN CROSSINGS – A415 MARCHAM ROAD AND OCK STREET ABINGDON – RE-CONSULTATION

**Report by Deputy Director of Environment & Economy
(Commercial)**

1. At their meeting on 3 November 2014, the Performance Scrutiny Committee considered the decision of the Cabinet Member for Environment made on 9 October 2014 following proper notice of a call in. The Committee agreed to refer the decision back to Cabinet for it to consider in the light of the following material concerns that the Committee had about the following aspects of the decision:
 - (a) that neither the officer's report nor the Cabinet Member's decision appeared to be based on the Department of Transport Guidance into the assessment of pedestrian crossing sites; and
 - (b) the Cabinet Member did not take due account of the impact of the changes on the wider local traffic network.
2. The report to the Cabinet Member for Environment in October presented objections and other comments received in response to a further consultation on proposals to introduce a new pelican crossing on Ock Street, Abingdon and a re-located pelican crossing on Marcham Road, Abingdon. These proposals arose from the granting of planning permission on appeal for the development of 159 dwellings on land adjacent to the B4017 Drayton Road. The re-consultation arose from a legal challenge on the decision not to approve the above proposals taken at the Cabinet Member for Environment Delegated Decision meeting on 27 March 2014, following which the Council reviewed the process and considered that it did not make clear the reasons for this decision.
3. There are a considerable number of documents that have been presented to the two Cabinet Member meetings, the Performance Scrutiny Committee and previously to the Planning Inspector considering the appeal. In order that Cabinet has all the necessary information required to consider the proposals and the matters raised by the call-in, and to allow all persons who previously made representations to submit further representations within a reasonable timescale, it has not been possible to present a report to this meeting but instead will be on the agenda for the December meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

4. Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the complexity of the information they will be asked to consider and agree to defer consideration of the Scrutiny Committee Call to the December meeting.

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