

Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire
County Council

Project Appraisal: Ipley Crossroads Casualty Reduction Scheme New Forest

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Description of current service/policy

This project seeks to reduce Personal Injury Accident (PIAs) at Ipley crossroads. Ipley crossroads has an extensive history of PIAs and several casualty reduction schemes have been implemented previously using measures typically available to the Casualty Reduction Team, but despite some initial success, the numbers of PIAs has gradually increased over time.

Geographical impact: New
Forest

Description of proposed change

The proposal is to change the layout to make a staggered junction, by altering the western arm of the crossroads. A new section of carriageway on the approach of the C97 from the West, of 102 metres in length (measured at the centreline), would join the Beaulieu Road at an angle of ninety degrees 50 metres south of the current crossroads. The existing carriageway no longer needed would be removed and that land allowed to return to forest.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out?

Yes

The local member, Councillor David Harrison, supports the scheme. The primary engagement has been with the Forest Bodies. The National Park, Forestry England, Natural England and the Verderers are all positive with regards the principle of the scheme and are working with the Casualty Reduction Team to reach solutions for their individual concerns and issues about the detail of the scheme implementation.

The scheme was presented to the Verderers Court for consideration in June 2020. Confirmation of the outcome is anticipated the Verderers Court's hearing on the 16th September 2020.

| Statutory considerations | Impact | Mitigation |
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| Age: Neutral | | |
| Disability: Neutral | | |
| Sexual orientation: Neutral | | |
| Race: Neutral | | |
| Religion and belief: Neutral | | |
| Gender reassignment: Neutral | | |

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| Gender: Neutral | | |
| Marriage and civil partnership: Neutral | | |
| Pregnancy and maternity: Neutral | | |
| Other policy considerations | Impact | Mitigation |
| Poverty: Neutral | | |
| Rurality: Neutral | | |

Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)

The proposal is to stagger a crossroad junction to improve safety . Therefore , a neutral impact is expected for all service users including individuals with protected characteristics.

Any other information