

# Equality Impact Assessment

Name of project/proposal	Project Appraisal: Ringwood Road, Totton Pedestrian/Cycle Link Improvements
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## **Description of Service / Policy**

The Ringwood Road/Calmore Road/Testbourne Avenue junction is located 0.8 miles to the west of Totton town centre. The existing junction takes the form of a four arm traffic signal junction with uncontrolled pedestrian facilities on each arm. The existing crossing facilities don't meet current standards and there are a number of local facilities and amenities located in close proximity which residents are likely to travel to on foot. A survey carried out in 2013 recorded high pedestrian usage. There is a missing shared use link around the vicinity of the crossing.

Geographical impact\* New Forest

## **Description of proposed change**

It is proposed to implement controlled pedestrian facilities on all arms of the junction, consisting of puffin crossings on both Ringwood Road arms (East and West) and Testbourne Avenue. A Toucan crossing on the Calmore Road arm would also be provided, enabling pedestrians and cyclists utilising the shared path to the east of the junction to cross. It is also proposed to extend the existing shared use path to the west of the junction to create a continuous link from the east to the west of Totton.

## **Engagement and consultation**

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

Consultation was carried out with the local member and a leaflet was delivered in the vicinity of the crossing. The proposal had strong support from previous County Councillor Chris Lagdon, the Member for Totton North. As Councillor Lagdon did not stand for re-election during the local elections in May 2017, he has been replaced by County Councillor Neville Penman. The proposals have been discussed with Councillor Penman, who is fully supportive of the scheme. A leaflet drop notifying the public about the proposed upgrade of the pedestrian and cycle crossing facilities at the junction has been undertaken.

## **Impacts of the proposed change**

This impact assessment covers Service users

### **Statutory considerations**

### **Impact**

Age Impact	Positive All residents, but particularly young children and the elderly, are likely to benefit from the new crossing facilities and there will be general improvements for the community at large.
Disability Impact	Positive All residents, but particularly those with disabilities, are likely

to benefit from the new crossing facilities and there will be general improvements for the community at large.

Sexual Orientation      Neutral

Race      Neutral

Religion and Belief      Neutral

Gender Reassignment      Neutral

Gender      Neutral

Marriage and civil partnership      Neutral

Pregnancy and Maternity      Neutral

**Other policy considerations**

Poverty      Neutral

Rurality      Positive

Impact      Provides greater connectivity to local amenities.

***Additional Information***