

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Provision of car parking and drop-off zone at Mordiford CE Primary School
Date of decision:	28 January 2019
Decision maker:	Director Children and Families
Authority for delegated decision:	The authority for the specified officer to take this decision is set out in the cabinet member report approved 17 December 2018 (http://hc-modgov:9070/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=5545)
Ward:	Backbury
Consultation:	The head teacher, governors of the school and local ward member have all been involved in, and consulted upon, the final option.
Decision made:	<p>To fund up to £277k, including contingency, statutory and professional fees, for the provision of an on-site car park and drop-off zone at Mordiford CE Primary School.</p> <p>Funding to be provided from £277k primary Section 106 receipts from land south of Hampton Dene Road development within the Mordiford CE Primary School catchment area.</p>
Reasons for decision:	<p>Mordiford CE Primary School is a popular and successful school located on Dormington Road. It is an academy having previously been a Voluntary Controlled school which was rated as Outstanding by Ofsted in 2010.</p> <p>There is a growing demand for places in the school catchment area. The school currently operates with a published admission number of 21 although with minimal adjustments it could easily admit 30 per year. However in order for the school to admit more pupils there is a need to address the problems caused by on street extensive parking by parents at the start and the end of the school day, which include disruption to traffic and potential road safety risks for children.</p> <p>£277k funding has been secured from a housing development that is located within Mordiford school's catchment area which can be utilized to address the parking at the school.</p> <p>With a view to finding ways of addressing these problems a report was commissioned in 2017 via the council's highways partner, Balfour Beatty Living Places. This investigated transport, flooding and drainage, ground risk and remediation, and environmental issues, made an appraisal of potential interventions, drew some conclusions and made recommendations.</p> <p>The transport recommendation was: "The creation of an off-road car park on land to the north-west of the school scored most highly of all the</p>

	<p>interventions. This could either be provided as a formalized car park with white lining or multi-use area with opportunities for use during the school day as a playground. The creation of a pedestrian build-out and crossing also scored highly to improve opportunities for pedestrians to access the school. These two interventions could be implemented as a package in addition to some low cost schemes such as a school travel plan and provision of street lighting.”</p> <p>Various options have been considered and a preferred solution drawn up to arrive at a scheme that will deliver the required parking improvements which can also be achieved within the budget available.</p> <p>The solution would include a new car park and drop-off area on the school site. The school will also be revising its School Travel Plan to encourage sustainable journeys to school wherever possible.</p>																
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>The amount of funding secured via S106 contributions towards Mordiford CE Primary School is £277k. The scheme will be delivered to the value of the S106 funding available.</p> <p>High level costs for the works have been calculated as:</p> <table><tr><td>Build Costs:</td><td>£210,000</td><td>-</td><td>£230,000</td></tr><tr><td>Contingency:</td><td>£19,000</td><td>-</td><td>£22,000</td></tr><tr><td>Fees:</td><td>£21,000</td><td>-</td><td>£23,000</td></tr><tr><td>Total:</td><td>£250,000</td><td>-</td><td>£275,000</td></tr></table> <p>If the proposed works are not undertaken there is a risk that avoidable accidents involving children, parents or staff will occur.</p>	Build Costs:	£210,000	-	£230,000	Contingency:	£19,000	-	£22,000	Fees:	£21,000	-	£23,000	Total:	£250,000	-	£275,000
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Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>White lines to create gaps in the in the parking along the road to allow vehicles to pull in to pass others and reduce congestion were installed in 2018. These lines are not enforceable and education and awareness raising is required regularly for this to be effective. It will also will not eliminate the problem as the issues will likely be translocated further along the road creating further hazards.</p> <p>Parking boxes would create intervals in the parked cars on the side of the road which allows moving traffic to pull in and let opposing traffic pass. These are also not enforceable and have the same implications as white lining.</p> <p>Double yellow lines on a section of the road outside the school would prevent the build-up of parked cars and traffic where parents and school pupils will be crossing the road and reduce congestion. These would need a Traffic Regulation Order which can take time to come into force however they would not eliminate the problem as they will likely again translocate the problem further along the road.</p> <p>Pedestrian guard rails may increase the safety of pedestrians as it will create a barrier between the pavement and road and help ensure crossings take place at the allocated crossing point. They will however increase clutter, could decrease visibility and are only</p>																

	<p>effective over a short length.</p> <p>There are no credible options for modifying the highway that would sufficiently mitigate the problems associated with the current level of school and parental parking on Dormington Road. An on-site solution together with minor highways modifications is therefore the only way that a significant improvement to road safety and traffic management can be delivered. A range of design options have been explored: the one chosen is affordable, sensitive to the environmental considerations of the area, and commands the support of the school and local stakeholders.</p>
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Details of any declarations of interest made:	None
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Signed

Date: 28 January 2019