

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Road Safety Improvements at St Mary's RC High School
Date of decision:	24 January 2019
Decision maker:	Director for 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:	Hagley
Consultation:	The head teacher, governors of the school and parish council have all been involved in, and consulted upon, the final option.
Decision made:	<p>To fund up to £26k, including contingency, statutory and professional fees, for road safety improvements at St Mary's RC High School.</p> <p>Funding to be provided from £26k secondary RC Section 106 receipts from various developments: Chestnuts, Ross; Laundry Lane, Leominster; Monkmoor Street, Hereford; Land Opposite England's Gate, Bodenham; Land East of Church house, Bartestree; Land South of A438, Bartestree with the contingency being funded from Mill Lane, Lea.</p>
Reasons for decision:	<p>St Mary's RC High School is a popular and successful school located in Lugwardine. It is rated as Good by Ofsted having last been inspected in January 2018.</p> <p>The school currently operates with a published admission number of 150 per year. However there is a need to address problems incurred at the start and the end of the school day, which include disruption to and visibility of traffic and potential road safety risks for children.</p> <p>There is no defined catchment area for St Mary's RC High school as it is a roman catholic school serving the whole of the county. A small proportion of S106 contributions from housing developments are therefore allocated towards St Mary's RC High on the basis of pupil numbers at the school compared with the county. £26k funding has been secured from various housing developments for St Mary's RC High which can be utilized to address the road safety improvements at the school.</p> <p>Various options have been considered and a preferred solution drawn up to arrive at a scheme that will deliver the required road safety improvements which can also be achieved within the budget available.</p> <p>The works comprise:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demolition of redundant brick pillars to improve sight lines; • remodeling of pedestrian footpaths to provide safer waiting points for crossing the road; • indications of recommended crossing points; and • zig-zag “school entrance” markings. <p>The works have been specified highways and will be delivered by Balfour Beatty Living Places.</p>								
<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<p>S106 contributions have been secured towards St Mary’s High School from a number of developments as the Roman Catholic school serves the entire county. £26k of these contributions will be made available to deliver the road safety improvements required for the school.</p> <p>Costs for the works have been calculated as:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="695 792 1211 943"> <tr> <td>Design:</td> <td>£3,649.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Construction:</td> <td>£20,936.36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contingency:</td> <td>£1,414.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total:</td> <td>£26,000.00</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>	Design:	£3,649.06	Construction:	£20,936.36	Contingency:	£1,414.58	Total:	£26,000.00
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<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>The provision of a school crossing patrol has been discussed and is still under consideration by the school. All costs for this would need to be met by the school as they are classed as revenue operational costs.</p> <p>The installation of a zebra crossing was considered. Given the layout of the road and the positioning of footpaths a number of these would have been required. This was rejected on the basis that it would not have improved access to the school and would have necessitated children crossing the road several times before arriving at the school.</p> <p>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>								
<p>Details of any declarations of interest made:</p>	<p>None</p>								

Signed

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