
Cabinet Member for City Services

29th September 2021

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for City Services – Councillor P Hetherton

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Director of Transportation and Highways

Ward(s) affected:

Upper Stoke, Henley, Longford

Title:

Petition - New Pedestrian Crossings on Blackberry Lane- Sewall Highway

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

A petition of 63 signatures has been received requesting the installation of pedestrian crossing facilities at the junction of Blackberry Lane and Sewall Highway.

In accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to traffic signals and UTMC are heard and considered by the Cabinet Member for City Services. The Cabinet Member had considered the petition prior to this meeting and in response to the request made, requested that the petition was dealt with by letter (determination letter), rather than a formal report being submitted to a meeting, to be able to deal with the matter more efficiently.

The determination letter advised of the outcome of the investigations undertaken in response to the issues raised, as a result of which no further action was proposed. On receipt of the determination letter, the petitioner advised they did not wish the petition to be progressed by letter and wanted the issue to be considered at a Cabinet Member for City Services meeting.

The cost of introducing traffic signal improvements is funded from the Highways Maintenance and Investment Capital Programme budget through the Local Transport Plan.

Recommendations:

Cabinet Member for City Services is requested to:

- 1) Note the petitioners' concerns.
- 2) Endorse the conclusions of officers' investigations, as confirmed by determination letter to the petition spokesperson, that no further action is proposed.

List of Appendices included:

Appendix A – Location Plan
Appendix B – Determination Letter
Appendix C – Accident data for last 3 years

Background papers:

None

Other useful documents

None

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

No

Report title: Petition - New Pedestrian Crossings on Blackberry Lane- Sewall Highway

1. Context (or background)

1.1 A petition of 63 signatures has been received requesting new pedestrian crossings to be installed at the junction Blackberry Lane/Sewall Highway.

1.2 The Petition reads as follows:

'We the undersigned petition the Council to install new pedestrian crossings at the junction with Blackberry Lane and Sewall Highway.'

'It is a busy junction near a school but there are currently no pedestrian crossings. New crossings will make it safer for residents and school children.'

1.3 Blackberry Lane/Sewall Highway is a reasonably busy traffic signalled junction. It is subject to a 30mph speed limit. A location plan is shown at Appendix A to the report.

1.4 In accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to traffic signals and UTMC are heard by the Cabinet Member for City Services. The Cabinet Member had considered the petition prior to this meeting and in response to the request made, requested that the petition was dealt with by letter (determination letter), rather than a formal report being submitted to a meeting, to be able to deal with the matter more efficiently.

1.5 The determination letter (copy at Appendix B to the report) advised that there are no plans to upgrade the signals this financial year. To ensure the funding is utilised carefully, we use personal injury collisions reported to the police to aid us in our decision making. A review of the collision data at the junction of Blackberry Lane and Sewall Highway showed that there were a total of five personal injury collisions at this junction with one of them involving a pedestrian walking into the side of a vehicle.

1.6 On the basis of the collision data outlined above and that there are no issues with the equipment or age of the site no further action is proposed. However, the signal timings will be looked at and amended if appropriate to aid pedestrians crossing the road. Improvement works will be considered at this junction in future years as additional funding may be available by this point.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

2.1 Following the outcome of the review of the collision data and the current condition of the site detailed in paragraphs 1.5 and 1.6 of the report, and as stated in the determination letter, no further action is proposed in this financial year.

2.2 Coventry City Council applied to the DfT for funding to upgrade this site to include pedestrian facilities but were unsuccessful with the bid.

2.3 As Coventry City Council weren't selected to receive a share of a recent DfT grant to upgrade these signals, this location will be added to the programme to be designed, quoted for and programmed to be installed when funds are available.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

3.1 No formal consultation is proposed.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

4.1 No further action is proposed

5. Comments from Director of Finance and Director of Law and Governance

5.1 Financial implications

No action is proposed, therefore there are no financial implications.

5.2 Legal implications

There are no legal implications.

6. Other implications

Any other specific implications

6.1 How will this contribute to the Council Plan (www.coventry.gov.uk/councilplan/)?

N/A

6.2 How is risk being managed?

N/A

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

None

6.4 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

No specific equalities impact assessment has been carried out.

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) climate change and the environment

None

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

None

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Appendix A – Location Plan



Appendix B – Copy of Determination Letter

Re: petition submitted on 10 December 2020

Subject matter: New Pedestrian Crossings on Blackberry Lane/Sewall Highway

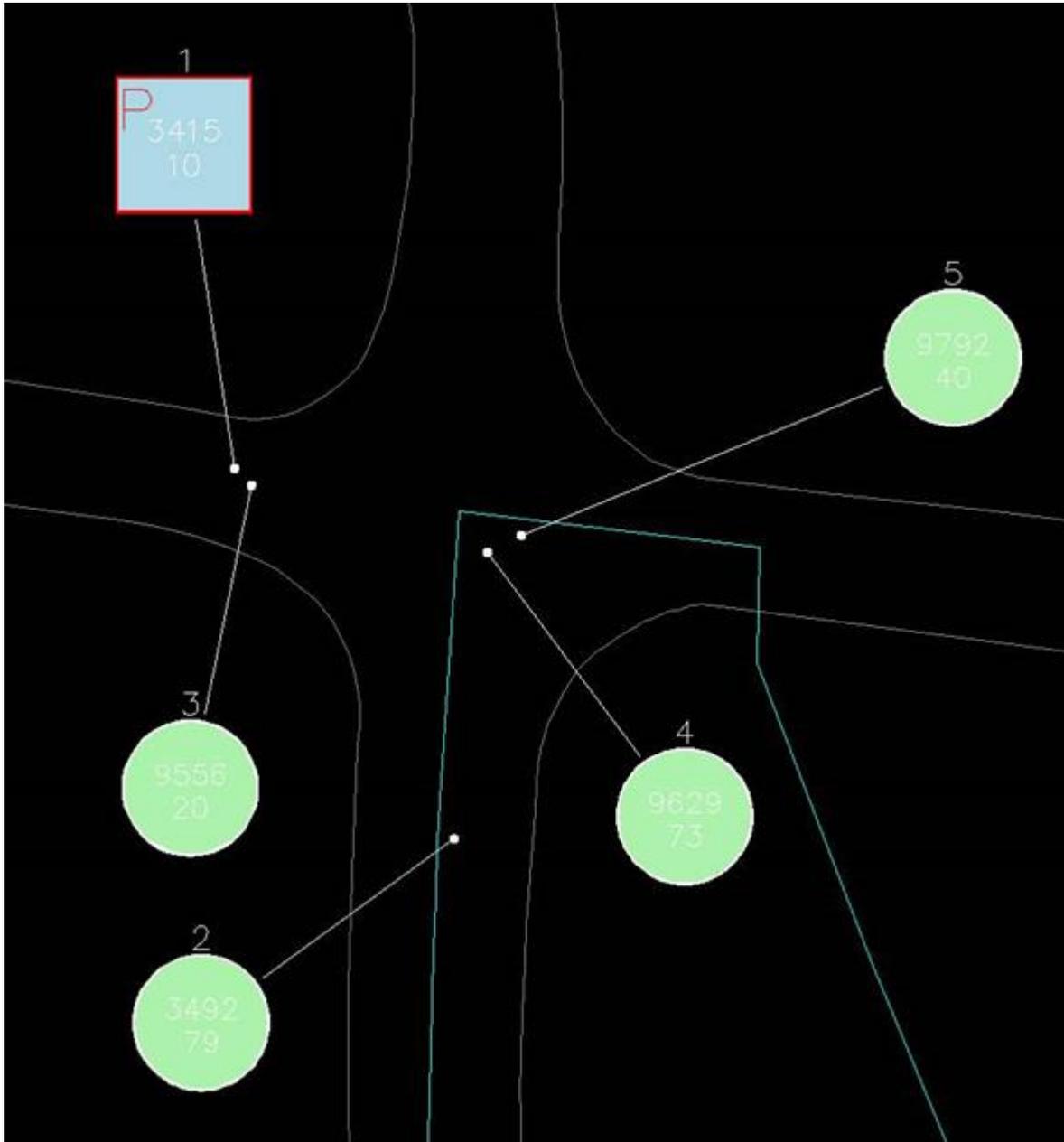
I am writing with regard to the above petition and your request for new controlled pedestrian crossings at the junction of Blackberry Lane/Sewall Highway.

The matter was discussed with Councillor Hetherington, Cabinet Member for City Services, who has requested that this be dealt with by way of a letter rather than a formal report being submitted to a future meeting, so that it can be dealt with more quickly.

The collision data for the past 3 years has been investigated and there has been a total of 5 personal injury collisions at this junction with 1 collision involving a pedestrian. Currently, there are no plans to upgrade the traffic signals at this location within the next year. However, this site will be considered for future year programmes. The signal timings at this junction will also be reviewed and amended if possible, to provide a longer time for pedestrians to cross.

I would be grateful if you could please confirm in writing, either by email or letter, that you agree that the petition be progressed by way of this letter. If you do not agree, a report responding to your petition will be prepared for consideration at a future Cabinet Member meeting. You will be invited to attend this meeting where you have the opportunity to speak on behalf of the petitioners.

Appendix C – 3 Years' Accident Data



Title:

Requested output: **F- Print (Full print) Crash Report**

Date: 01-March-2021

F - Print Crash Report

Date: 01-March-2021

Time: 15:40

No.1		Road U Section	Map ref: E435835 N280886	Parish:
Location	BLACKBERRY LANE NEAR JN WITH SEWALL HIGHWAY			District: Coventry
Description	C001 failed look properly prior to crossing road and has walked into side of V001.			
Severity SERIOUS	Date: 17/10/2018 Wed 12:18	L	Road Surface Dry Weather Fine	Speed limit 30mph
Single carriageway		Crossroads No Human control within 50m		

Vehicle details						Crash involved 1 vehicle					
vehicle type	location	movement		dir	veh hit	sex	registration	b-test	1st hit	damaged	age
1 car	cleared junction or parked at junction exit	turning right		N -> W	0	male					
	did not leave c'way	negative		offside		75					

Casualty details											Crash resulted in 1 casualty										
class	severity	pedestrian location			dir	seat belt	PSV passenger			sex	pedestrian movement	school name		**to/from school	age						
pedestrian	SERIOUS	In c'way crossing elsewhere			S					male											
hit by veh 1		Crossing from drivers offside												70							

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Date: 01-March-2021

Time: 15:40

No.2		Road U Section	Map ref: E435848 N280864	Parish:
Location	SEWALL HIGHWAY NEAR JN WITH BLACKBERRY LANE			District: Coventry
Description	NCRF - Slight - Log 628 of 14/10/2018 Veh 1 travelling South along Sewall Highway, driver was drunk and blew 75mg /100ml at station procedure. Veh 1 collided with stationary Veh 2, causing Veh 1 to spin into the path of Veh 3 colliding with front o/s of Veh 3. Veh 1 then came to a halt colliding with Veh 4 which was also parked and unattended, Driver of Veh 1 remained at location and arrested			
Severity SLIGHT	Date: 14/10/2018 Sun 06:35	DRK STL	Road Surface Wet Weather Rain	Speed limit 30mph
Single carriageway		Crossroads No Human control within 50m		

Vehicle details							Crash involved 4 vehicles	
vehicle type	location	movement		dir	veh hit	sex		
registration		b-test	1st hit		damaged	age		
1 car	cleared junction or parked at junction exit	going ahead other		N -> S	0	male		
	did not leave c'way	positive	front			28		
2 car	cleared junction or parked at junction exit	parked		P -> P	0	female		
	did not leave c'way	not requested	offside			57		
3 car	approaching or parked on approach	going ahead other		S -> N	0	female		
	did not leave c'way	not requested	front			55		
4 car	approaching or parked on approach	parked		P -> P	0	male		
	did not leave c'way	not requested	nearside			53		

Casualty details								Crash resulted in 1 casualty	
class	severity	pedestrian location		dir	seat belt	PSV passenger		sex	
		pedestrian movement		school name		**to/from school		age	
driver/rider in veh 2	SLIGHT							female 57	

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No.3	Road U Section	Map ref: E435836 N280885	Parish:
Location	BLACKBERRY LANE NEAR JUNCTION WITH SEWALL HIGHWAY		District: Coventry
Description	NCRF V002 has been stationary at the junction of Blackberry Lane with Sewall Highway; waiting on Blackberry Lane at a red traffic light to turn left onto Sewall Highway. V001 has been approaching this junction, behind V002. V001 has been travelling at approximately 20 mph. V001 has failed to stop and has therefore collided with the rear of V002.		
Severity SLIGHT	Date: 11/05/2020 Mon 20:20	L	Road Surface Dry Weather Fine
Speed limit 30mph			
Single carriageway	Crossroads No Human control within 50m		

Vehicle details						
Crash involved 2 vehicles						
vehicle type	location	movement	dir	veh hit	sex	
registration		b-test	1st hit	damaged	age	
1 car	approaching or parked on approach	stopping	W -> E	0	female	
	did not leave c'way	not requested	front		18	
2 car	approaching or parked on approach	waiting to turn left	W -> N	0	female	
	did not leave c'way	not requested	back		35	

Casualty details						
Crash resulted in 2 casualties						
class	severity	pedestrian location	dir	seat belt	PSV passenger	sex
		pedestrian movement	school name	**to/from school		age
driver/rider	SLIGHT					female
in veh 2						35
passenger	SLIGHT					female
in veh 2						?

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Time: 15:40

No.4		Road U Section	Map ref: E435850 N280881	Parish:
Location	SEWALL HIGHWAY AT JUNCTION WITH BLACKBERRY LANE			District: Coventry
Description	Veh 001 was travelling along Sewall Highway at junction with Blackberry Lane indicates to turn right waits for traffic to clear and light change and then turns right onto Blackberry Lane. Veh 002 was travelling along Sewall Highway in the opposite direction keeps driving through junction when the lights change and hits veh 001 as it is turning. Driver of veh 002 runs off short time later.			
Severity SLIGHT	Date: 23/06/2020 Tue 06:51	L	Road Surface Dry Weather Fine	Speed limit 30mph
Single carriageway		Crossroads No Human control within 50m		

Vehicle details						Crash involved 2 vehicles					
vehicle type	location	movement		dir	veh hit	sex	registration	b-test	1st hit	damaged	age
1 car	mid junction	turning right		S -> E	0	male					
	left c'way Offside	negative		front		56					
2 car	mid junction	going ahead other		N -> S	0	male					
	did not leave c'way	not requested		front		?					

Casualty details										Crash resulted in 1 casualty	
class	severity	pedestrian location			dir	seat belt	PSV passenger			sex	
		pedestrian movement			school name		**to/from school			age	
driver/rider in veh 1	SLIGHT									male 56	

No.5		Road U Section	Map ref: E435852 N280882	Parish:
Location	BLACKBERRY LANE AT JUNCTION WITH SEWALL HIGHWAY			District: Coventry
Description	NCRF Vehicle 001 has been driving North on Sewall Highway and attempted to turn right. Vehicle 001 has turned onto Blackberry Lane and collided with Vehicle 002, which was travelling South down Sewall Highway causing extensive damage and minor injury.			
Severity SLIGHT	Date: 29/07/2020 Wed 12:50	L	Road Surface Dry Weather Fine	Speed limit 30mph
Single carriageway		Crossroads No Human control within 50m		

Vehicle details Crash involved 2 vehicles					
vehicle type	location	movement	dir	veh hit	sex
registration		b-test	1st hit	damaged	age
1 car	mid junction	turning right	S -> E	0	female
	did not leave c'way	negative	front		35
2 car	mid junction	going ahead other	N -> S	0	male
	did not leave c'way	negative	front		68

Casualty details Crash resulted in 3 casualties						
class	severity	pedestrian location	dir	seat belt	PSV passenger	sex
		pedestrian movement	school name		**to/from school	age
passenger in veh 1	SLIGHT					female 26
passenger in veh 1	SLIGHT					female ?
passenger in veh 2	SLIGHT					female 70