

**A141 KINGS RIPTON ROAD
(Report by Head of Planning Services)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Members will be aware that a traffic accident occurred at the junction of the A141 and Kings Ripton Road, Huntingdon, in May 2007. As a result of injuries received in that accident, a 16-year old young man, Warren Hay, tragically died. At the Inquest into that death, the Coroner subsequently wrote to HDC and CCC asking them to review safety measures at the junction.
- 1.2 Since that time, there has been a high profile public campaign on behalf of the Warren Hay Action Group to have additional and improved safety measures, for pedestrians and cyclists, installed at that junction.
- 1.3 Members and Officers of both the County and District Council's, together with Huntingdon Town Council, have also been discussing options to try and find a way forward to deliver a scheme for a new improved crossing facility.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As part of the County Council's public engagement process, a petition was submitted to the Huntingdonshire Traffic Management Area Joint Committee (AJC) on 3rd September 2007. It was resolved at that meeting to note the contents of the petition and to thereby support a bid to assess the need for improved safe crossing facilities at this junction as part of the Medium Sized Traffic Management and Road Safety Scheme budget (the 'October' list).
- 2.2 While the 'October' list results are yet to be reported to AJC, it is understood that as part of the County Council Accident Site Reporting and assessment mechanism, that apart from two junction locations on the A605 at Haddon, this junction on the A141 receives the next highest priority within Huntingdonshire.
- 2.3 Historically, the site has a recorded accident record associated with right-turning movements from the junction of Kings Ripton Road onto A141. As a result of the pedestrian fatality in May 2007, the County Council have now undertaken preliminary investigations into the implementation of an expanded scheme that addresses both the right-

turn and pedestrian safety issues. Study work is also indicating that the provision of a separate onward footpath between the A141 and Jubilee Park would also be required to ensure pedestrian safety.

- 2.4 Initial estimates indicate that an appropriate scheme would cost in the region of £400K to implement. The County Council have indicated that they have a potential budget of £250K towards the scheme and they are therefore seeking partnership funding of £75K each from both the District and Town Council.

3. FUNDING

- 3.1 If the Council is going to contribute towards meeting the cost of this scheme, funding needs to be found from within existing budgets. Annex A contains a range of suggested funding options for consideration by the Cabinet.

4. CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 If this scheme is to progress, then it is evident that this will only be possible utilising funding from this Council's existing Medium Term Plan and LPSA reward funding, together with that indicated as being forthcoming from the County and Town Council.
- 4.2 On the basis that the junction in question had an existing accident record prior to the fatality that occurred in May 2007, it is considered that any financial contribution made by the District Council should be on the basis of supporting the additional pedestrian elements now required.

5. RECOMMENDATION

It is

Recommended that the funding options in the table at Annex A be approved.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Huntingdonshire Traffic Management Area Joint Committee – Agenda & Minutes
Cambridgeshire County Council Traffic Accident reporting System 2

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