

OFFICER DECISION RECORD (ODR1)


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Date of Decision	31 July 2025		
Decision Taker (including Job Title)	Tom Moody – Director of Transport & Infrastructure		
Specific Delegation	<p>Cheshire East Council's Constitution dated December 2024, Scheme of Officer Delegation as set out in Chapter 2, Part 5.</p> <p>By a delegation from the Executive Director of Place, taking effect on 13 October 2023, powers were delegated to the Director of Infrastructure and Highways (this post has now been renamed Director of Transport & Infrastructure).</p> <p>Under a LSoD, taking effect on 16 November 2022 the Director of Infrastructure and Highways delegated power in relation to: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract Operations • Contract Asset Management • Flood Risk Management <p>To the Head of Highways</p>		
Type of Decision to be taken (tick as appropriate)	Granting a permission or licence	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Affecting the rights of an individual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Awarding a contract or incurring expenditure which, materially affects the Council's financial position	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Brief Description of Decision	<p>The decision is to approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The installation of two toucan crossings on Manchester Road, Wilmslow in accordance with Section 23(1) of the Traffic Regulation Act 1984. 2. The giving of public notice of the proposed toucan crossings in accordance with Section 23 (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. 3. The installation of the vertical deflection (a raised table) on Dean Drive, Wilmslow in accordance with Section 90A of the Highways Act 1980. 		

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The giving of public notice of the proposed raised table in accordance with Section 90C of the Highways Act 1980. 5. The introduction of shared use footways / cycleways and cycle tracks on Manchester Road, Wilmslow/Handforth in accordance with Section 65 and 66 of the Highways Act 1980. <p>The above will take place in accordance with the the C24110-CEH-HGN-ZZ-DR-C-900001 Consultation plan.</p> <p>Should no objections be received during the objection period, or where objections are made and subsequently withdrawn, the proposed pedestrian crossing, Raised Table, and shared use footways/cycleways and cycle tracks will be implemented.</p>
Reasons for the Decision and alternatives considered	<p>As part of a safety improvement to walking and cycling, Active Travel England have agreed to fund improvements along Manchester Road in Wilmslow between the junctions of Station Road and Stanneylands Road. The improvements will provide segregated cycle lanes, new tactiles to footpaths, surface improvement and new crossings facilities.</p> <p>The proposed introduction of a raised table on Dean Drive will increase safety for pedestrians crossing over the existing uncontrolled crossing (dropped kerbs) and cyclists using the cycle facility on Manchester Road. This will slow motor vehicle traffic to a safe speed approaching the uncontrolled crossing. The proposed introduction of two controlled crossings (Toucan crossing) will give priority to pedestrians crossing the road and a section of shared use footway on Manchester Road. A combination of cycle lanes and shared use footways/cycleways will be installed along Manchester Road.</p> <p><u>DETAILS OF ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Don't proceed with the scheme, therefore none of the benefits are provided; or 2. Proceed with different proposals that put in different infrastructure, speed requirements

	<p>and / or waiting restrictions – which would be less ambitious and might impact on future ATE funding.</p> <p>This scheme will incur capital costs as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction / installation: £310,000 <p>This cost will be funded from the Active Travel budget.</p> <p>The constructed scheme will create annual revenue costs as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic signals and equipment: £3,674 per year (£55,110.00 over a 15-year period) <p>A contribution from the scheme budget of £50,000 will be made for additional maintenance, with future costs beyond this being unfunded. Requirements for maintenance beyond the £50,000 contribution will therefore be funded by reductions in maintenance spend, prioritized within the existing highway maintenance budget according to the council's Highway Safety Inspections Code of Practice.</p> <p>The costs above are the costs relevant to this decision only. There are broader financial implications for proceeding with the scheme as a whole.</p>
Member consultation and interests declared	<p>Cheshire Constabulary (Robin Johnson, Traffic Management Officer on behalf of Cheshire Constabulary) was consulted on the proposed scheme on 26th June 2025 but raised no comments about the proposed crossings and raised tables.</p> <p>A public engagement event was held on 4th July 2025, attended by the Ward Members and Handforth Parish Council. All attendees were in support of the proposals to introduce new cycling facilities on Manchester Road.</p>
Significant Decision	NO
Legal Implications	I am satisfied that the recommended option is supportable based on the information provided.

	<p>I note that the decision maker has the relevant authority to sign this officer decision record.</p> <p>Bethany Hill</p> <p>25.07.2025</p>
Financial Implications	<p>I can confirm that there is sufficient approved budget available within capital project Active Travel Fund / Manchester Road, Wilmslow (CAP-10440) to cover the capital cost of £310,000.</p> <p>Helen Donald, Principal Accountant, Capital Finance, 27th June 2025</p> <p>The revenue implications for the Highways revenue budget have been noted by the team and will be factored into the maintenance programme for future years within the existing Highways budget.</p> <p>Wendy Broadhurst, Lead Finance Partner 30/06/25</p>
Confidential/Exempt Information	N/A
Background Papers	<p>Documents:</p> <p>C084-CEH-HGN-ZZ-DR-D-900001 - Consultation Plan</p> <p>Nol – Toucan Crossings, Manchester Road</p> <p>Nol – Raised Table Dean Drive</p> <p>Nol – Shared paths, Manchester Road</p>

Signed 

Tom Moody, Director of Transport & Infrastructure

Dated 31 July 2025