

**Decision Maker:** ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES  
POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**Date:** Monday 17 December 2018

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

**Title:** ORPINGTON: CROFTON ROAD CYCLE ROUTE: CALL-IN

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**Ward:** Farnborough and Crofton

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1. Reason for report

- 1.1 At its last meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018, this Committee considered a report on the proposed Crofton Road Cycle Route in Orpington. The Committee supported the proposals and the Environment and Community Services Portfolio Holder subsequently decided on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to approve the proposals. The decision has been called-in and the Committee is asked to consider what action should be taken in response to the call-in.
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2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee is recommended to agree one of the following options in response to the call-in:

- (i) to take no further action on the call-in;
- (ii) to refer the decision back to the Executive giving reasons why it should be reconsidered.

## Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: Not Applicable
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## Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
  2. BBB Priority: Quality Environment Safe Bromley Supporting Independence Healthy Bromley Regeneration:
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## Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Estimated Cost: £673k
  2. Ongoing costs: Recurring Cost: Any future maintenance costs will be funded from the existing highway maintenance budgets.
  3. Budget head/performance centre: LIP 'Cycling and Walking' 2018/19 and 'Cycle Infrastructure' 2019/20
  4. Total current budget for this head: ££924k in 2018/19, of which £390k is available for this scheme. It is expected that £600k will be available in 2019/20, part of which could be allocated to this scheme if required
  5. Source of funding: TfL LIP Funding
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## Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): Existing Staff Resources
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: 60 Hours
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## Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Non-Statutory - Government Guidance:
  2. Call-in: Applicable: The proposal has been called in.
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## Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: None
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## Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): Local residents and visitors
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## Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Yes
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Ward Members have raised a number of concerns with regards to the previous scheme drawings so the design has been revised.

### 3. COMMENTARY

3.1 At its meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 the Committee had been due to consider a report on the proposed Crofton Road Cycle Route in Orpington. The report was withdrawn from the agenda to allow Ward Members more time to consider the revised design and reach a view. The report was considered by the Committee at its next meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The Committee supported the proposals and the Environment and Community Services Portfolio Holder subsequently decided on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to approve the scheme.

3.2 On 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018, notice of a call-in was received from Councillors Tony Owen, Simon Fawthrop, Russell Mellor, Keith Onslow and Harry Stranger. The reasons given for the call-in were -

1. The expenditure proposed is not a good use of taxpayers' money
2. The demand for the works proposed is not proven
3. The works will make travel times worse for buses and other vehicles
4. The works will lengthen emergency vehicle response times on a critical major route from the Princess Royal University Hospital

3.3 The two options before a PDS Committee when considering a call-in are –

(i) to take no further action on the call-in (in which case the decision may be implemented); or

(ii) to refer the decision back to the Executive giving reasons why it should be re-considered.

In exceptional circumstances, a decision may be referred back to full Council for full Council to consider whether to refer it back to the Executive, but only where the Committee believes, on appropriate officer advice, that there is an intention by the Executive to take action that is contrary to law or the policy and budget framework of the Council. This does not apply in this case.

3.4 The following appendices are attached to this report –

Appendix A: Portfolio Holder's decision (26<sup>th</sup> November 2018)

Appendix B: Report to the PDS Committee (20<sup>th</sup> November 2018)

Minutes from the Environment and Community Services PDS Committee meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 will be circulated as soon as they are available.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Impact on vulnerable adults and children/Policy/Financial/Personnel/Legal/Procurement
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Environment PDS Committee report, July 2017, 'Proposals for improvements to the Orpington Cycling and Walking Network'.