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Our ref:

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Dear Sir or Madam,

PROPOSED TOUCAN CROSSING A183 CHESTER ROAD GRINDON COURT

Sunderland City Council welcomes your views on a proposed scheme to upgrade the existing uncontrolled dropped crossing on the A183 east of Grindon Court to a signal controlled Toucan crossing for shared use by pedestrians and cyclists.

As a result of the public feedback from the last consultation at Grindon Mill, and further investigation at the existing uncontrolled crossing at Grindon Court, the principal reasons for this proposal are:-

- To improve public safety concerns surrounding the existing uncontrolled crossing at Grindon Court.
- To satisfy the anticipated increase in demand as a result of the relocated Grindon Mill crossing, and the proposed housing development at Chester Gate.
- To satisfy the current higher than expected pedestrian use, and address the high pedestrian:vehicle conflict survey results.
- To calm traffic and reduce vehicle speeds at this location, which has been highlighted as an issue in a recent speed survey.

Taking into consideration the factors identified above, the provision of a signal controlled Toucan crossing at this location is considered to be more than adequately justified.

The proposed arrangements are shown on drawing number TRS/17/0000116/SK/009 attached.

The principal changes that the Council intends to undertake at this crossing are as follows:-

- A signal controlled Toucan crossing shall be installed across Chester Road (A183) with dropped kerbing and tactile blister paving. Signal equipment to be low energy LED with on-crossing, kerbside and vehicle detection.
- Central reservation to be widened and lane widths on the A183 to be reduced, in order to increase the width available for pedestrians.
- Road markings shall be changed to suit the new crossing facility.

The proposed Toucan crossing incorporates signals for pedestrians and cyclists creating potential for a future shared surface cycle links between local facilities and amenities, such as shopping centres and schools, parks and a new housing development. These improvement works are part of a rolling programme of measures being implemented by the Council to enhance road safety, support active mode travel choices and promote better traffic flow along the A183 Chester Road transport corridor.

The introduction of the new crossing provides safer access to the northern bus stop from the southern residents, and is expected to balance the volume of pedestrians using the Grindon Mill crossing.

This proposal is expected to be constructed after completion of the Toucan crossing at Grindon Mill.

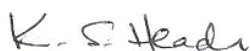
As part of the public engagement process, we should be grateful for your comments on the proposals using the questionnaire enclosed, however, it is necessary to limit the period within which your comments can be considered. Therefore, please return your comments or observations using the pre-paid envelope enclosed by **11 January 2018**.

Alternatively, you may wish to provide us with your feedback online using the Council's website at the following link:

<https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/article/15983/Chester-Road-Grindon-Court-Toucan-Crossing>

Should you have any queries regarding this matter please contact Craig Wilkinson on 561 1608 or by email at craig.wilkinson@sunderland.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,



Ken Heads, Infrastructure and Commercial Manager



WE WELCOME YOUR VIEWS ON:

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We do value your opinion, so please use the space overleaf to provide your views regarding the proposals:

Your Name.....

Business Name.....
(if applicable)

House Number / Name.....

Street Name.....

Post Code.....

Signature.....

Date.....

E-mail address.....

