

Notice of Non-key Executive Decision

Subject Heading:	Proposed Vehicular Crossover for No.10 Kingsbridge Close.
Cabinet Member:	Cllr Osman Dervish
SLT Lead:	Barry Francis Director of Neighbourhoods
Report Author and contact details:	Diane Bourne Schemes Manager Diane.bourne@havering.gov.uk 01708 434871
Policy context:	Havering Local Development Framework (2008)
Financial summary:	Estimated cost of £0.011m to be funded by the applicant
Relevant OSC:	Environment
Is this decision exempt from being called-in?	Yes as Non Key Decision by Cabinet Member

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Communities making Havering	[X]
Places making Havering	[X]
Opportunities making Havering	[X]
Connections making Havering	[X]

Part A – Report seeking decision

DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

This decision authorises the installation of a vehicular crossover over an area of grass verge in Kingsbridge Close, Romford as shown on the plan in Appendices A and B.

All costs associated with the crossover works will be met by the applicant.

A request has been received from the resident in Kingsbridge Close, to have a vehicular crossover installed over the large grassed verge area in the Close, to gain vehicular access to the existing hard standing to the front of the property.

These types of requests are infrequent and not intended to set a precedent. However, officers considered the residents' individual circumstances in relation to their mobility issues and on this occasion it is recommended the implementation of a crossover would be of benefit by enabling easier access to their property.

As part of this process officers have liaised with Occupational Therapy who have confirmed that in line with the needs of the resident at this property the implementation of this vehicular crossover would be beneficial.

Due to the extent of the works the council could not adopt its agreed crossover policy to implement this scheme because there are additional works required to convert a large area of grass / amenity space to hard standing thereby enabling the applicant access to the applicants' driveway.

A plan of the proposed route of the crossover is appended to this report as Appendices A and B.

An informal consultation letter was sent out to all the residents of Kingsbridge Close asking for their view / comments to the proposed crossover. A summary of the responses received to the informal consultation is detailed below in the pre-decision consultation section of this report.

Officers consider that the proposal will have a positive effect on the parking pressure within the area by freeing up one on street parking space.

All costs associated with the crossover works will be met by the resident of no.10 Kingsbridge Close.

Officers have considered the need to provide off street parking and the Council has obligations under the Road Traffic Regulation Act (1984) to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including cyclists and pedestrians) and to provide suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.

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AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE

Council's Constitution

Part 3, Section 3.8.3, paragraph (o) To exercise the Council's powers and duties relating to abandoned vehicles, parking, vehicle crossings removal of deposits on the highway, cleansing, refuse and litter in the various London Local Authorities Acts and the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Act 2003.

STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Proposed vehicle crossover to No.10 Kingsbridge Close – Harold Wood Ward

Following an application from the residents of no.10 Kingsbridge Close for a vehicle crossover to be installed across the grassed verge area of Kingsbridge Close, a site visit took place where it was apparent that there was limited available parking in the road and that the introduction of any further off-street parking would be of benefit to all the residents.

The applicant already has a hard standing to the front of the property, which is being used in the absence of a vehicular crossover.

Officers have considered the applicants need for an accessible parking provision at their property and consider the proposed crossover to be the most appropriate means of providing this.

Ward Councillors have considered the application and consultation responses and offered their support for the proposals.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

The option not to progress this proposal was considered but rejected. Officers are in favour of implementing the proposed crossover in this location as the resident has mobility issues and the implementation of a crossover would be of benefit by enabling easier access to their property. This is therefore considered to be the best option.

PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

On 30th April 2021 all 16 residents of Kingsbridge Close were written to and advised of the proposed vehicular crossover and asked for their comments. The residents were given 21 days in which to respond. A total of 6 responses were received to this informal consultation, which are outlined below along with staff comments.

Responses to crossover application for No10 Kingsbridge Close

First response from a resident of Kingsbridge Close

“With reference to the above letter dated Friday 30th April. Could you please provide us with the plan of the crossing application as this was not provided with the letter? We will submit our decision, once we have viewed the plan.”

Officer comments

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An officer visited the resident and advised of the proposed route of the crossing.

Second response from the same resident as detailed in the first response

"I have no qualms about No 10s application it's the bit about other residents joining on to it which I am not happy about, but I will have to cross that bridge when the time comes."

Officer comments

Officers acknowledge the comments

Third response from a resident of Kingsbridge Close

"Dear sir /madam thank you for your letter date the 30th April 2021 regarding a vehicle crossover for no.10 I would like to refuse the application for this to be done as I do not want the grass area to be removed and the lay out on the close to change. Also why we are on this matter I hope that you could be of some help as no. 7 / 10 / 11/ 13 continue to illegally park and rip up the grass verge if you can please look in to this matter as its extremely dangerous for the children living in the close that play outside in the summer time."

Officer comments

Officers acknowledge the comments

Forth response from a resident of Kingsbridge Close

"We are quite happy and would love for number 10 to get their drive done, as all in the home have mobility issues and need to be able to access their home. We fully support this application."

Officer comments

Officers acknowledge the comments

Fifth response from a resident of Kingsbridge Close

"I am writing this email to show our support for this vehicle crossover application that number 10 Kingsbridge Close has submitted."

Officer comments

Officers acknowledge the comments

Sixth response from a resident of Kingsbridge Close

"We agree to do a vehicle crossover to number 10 Kingsbridge Close"

Officer comments

Officers acknowledge the comments

Staff comments

All the Ward Councillors have been advised of the responses received and support the proposed crossover, as the resident at no.10 has mobility issues and holds a blue badge. As

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this is the case, any parking provision should be provided as close to the property as possible. In response to the issue of the vehicles driving over the verge, no.10 has applied for a crossover, no.7 has had a proposals to introduce a disabled bay publicly advertised and the owner of nos.11 and 13 are considering whether to have a crossover installed to both properties.

Highways, Traffic and Parking having considered the application, request approval from the Assistant Director for Environment to consider the comments received in relation to the proposed vehicular crossover at number 10 Kingsbridge Close and agree to progress with the implementation of the crossover, following receipt of agreed funds.

NAME AND JOB TITLE OF STAFF MEMBER ADVISING THE DECISION-MAKER

Name: Diane Bourne

Designation: Interim Schemes Manager, Traffic and Parking

Signature:



Date : 08/09/2021

Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Here Officers seek approval for construction of a vehicular crossing over highway (grass verge) and that pursuant to the Council's Constitution requires an executive decision by the Assistant Director of Environment.

The Council's power to construct a vehicular crossing over footway and verges is principally derived from s184 of the Highways Act 1980.

In making its decision on the application the Council should have due regard to all consultation responses and must observe its statutory duty to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. This statutory duty must be balanced with any concerns received over the implementation of the proposals.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The estimated costs at April 2021 prices shown below of £0.011m will be met by the resident of no.10 Kingsbridge Close in full prior to works being undertaken.

Item	£m
Surface	0.010
Edging Kerb	0.001
<u>Total estimated costs</u>	<u>0.011</u>

There are no further financial implications foreseen as a result of this decision.

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**HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS
(AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS WHERE RELEVANT)**

The proposal can be delivered within the standard resourcing within Highways, Traffic and Parking, and has no specific impact on staffing/HR issues.

EQUALITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Havering has a diverse community made up of many different groups and individuals. The Council values diversity and believes it essential to understand and include the different contributions, perspectives and experience that people from different backgrounds bring.

The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires the council, when exercising its functions, to have due regard to:

- (i) the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;
- (ii) the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share protected characteristics and those who do not, and;
- (iii) foster good relations between those who have protected characteristics and those who do not.

Note: 'Protected characteristics' are: age, sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnerships, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity and gender reassignment.

The council demonstrates its commitment to the Equality Act in its decision-making processes, the provision, procurement and commissioning of its services, and employment practices concerning its workforce. In addition, the council is also committed to improving the quality of life and wellbeing of all Havering residents in respect of socio-economics and health determinants.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

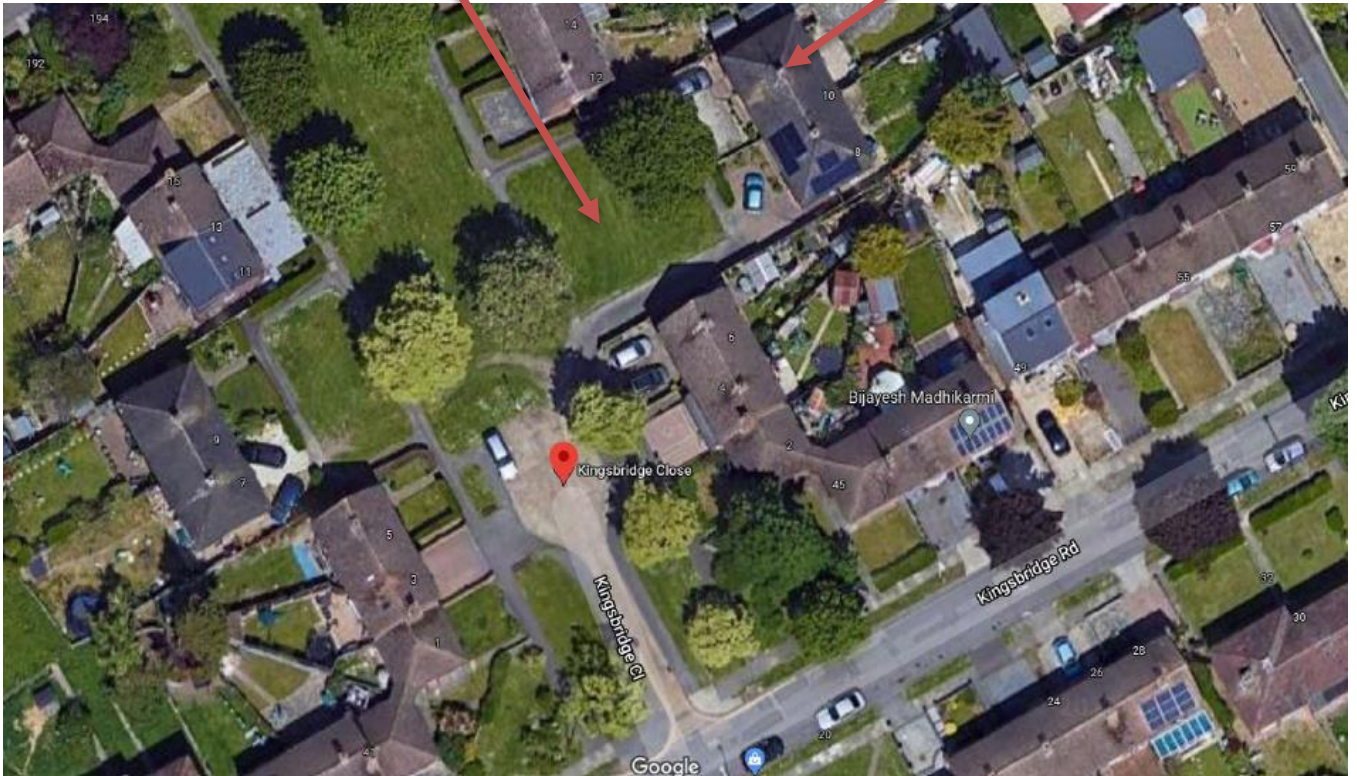
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APPENDICES

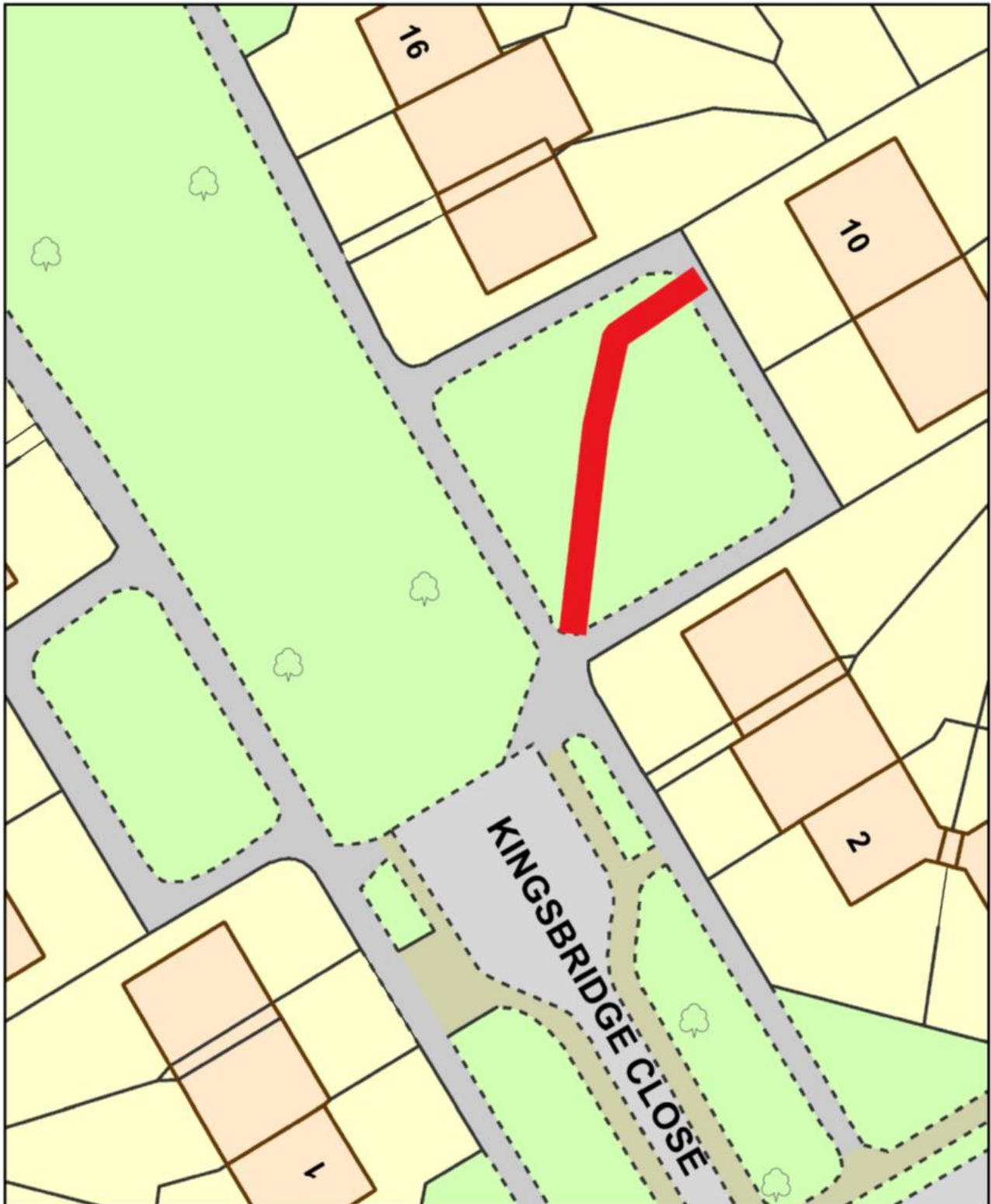
Appendix A - Proposed crossover route.



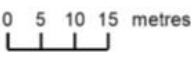

Area of grass verge to be converted to hard standing.

Location of affected property



Appendix B - Plan of proposed crossover route



<p>Crossover to 10 Kingsbridge Close</p>	
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Part C - Record of decision

I have made this executive decision in accordance with authority delegated to me by the Leader of the Council and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

Decision

To agree to the implementation of a proposed vehicular crossover to no.10 Kingsbridge Close to be installed, following receipt of funds as per the approved agreement.

Details of decision maker



Signed

Name: **Councillor Osman Dervish**

Cabinet Member: **Lead Member for Environment**

Date: **20/12/2021**

Lodging this notice

The signed decision notice must be delivered to the proper officer, Debra Marlow, Principal Democratic Services Officer in Democratic Services, in the Town Hall.

For use by Committee Administration

This notice was lodged with me on _____

Signed _____