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Subject: RE: [OFFICIAL] Newcastleton Crossing
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Good morning Barbara

We're suggesting a regular traffic light, green man crossing where we are considering having build-outs. I've posted an image below of one in Lauder that is very close to residential properties and unlike Newcastleton does not have a buffer of a car park and green area between the road and houses.

It would operate 24/7 but only when a pedestrian presses the call button.

The light spillage from traffic lights is minimal, the LEDs are very directional and there are cowls on the signals so I cannot see this causing any light nuisance to residents.

There is an audible beeping noise for the benefit of those who are visually impaired and the volume can be varied throughout the day and night. In my 19 years we've not had any complaints from residents that it is intrusive, even those who live 2 or 3 meters from them.

It would require a power supply and I can't commit to any EV chargers on the back of this, sorry, that would be for our street lighting team to make a decision on and they're the technical electrical people that know what can and cannot be done with electricity. We'd liaise with Scottish Power on a suitable source, there is power in the community and we would tap into that in some manner.

Due to the road width we'd likely put the signals on build-outs to reduce the time pedestrians spend crossing the road and the road narrowing would act as a form of traffic calming 24/7. Some crossings have pedestrian railings, some don't, it's unlikely we'd erect railings here. I've snipped a photo of the new one in Duns that's under construction and we've gone with build outs and no railings and its safe.

To accommodate the crossing there will be a loss of parking on the main street but this would be kept to a minimum. From memory I've never seen anyone park on this section of the main street, so the loss of parking may not be an issue. We could always look to recess parking behind the zig zag lines in line with the build-outs if necessary.

Hopefully this should cover most questions that we've been asked previously.

If the community are not keen then we can still go ahead with the build-outs as previously agreed.

Many thanks

Philippa



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Hi Philippa

I will add this to the next CC for discussion, but I can already hear questions being asked.....

Will it have sound as well as lights?

Will this cause disturbance in the night?

If it's got to be connected to power how will this be done? can we utilise this for other benefits at the same time? EV's?

It is a flashing beacon rather than a traffic light can this be on a timer, so it goes off outside of peak times.

Am sure there will be others but these ones spring immediately to mind – assuming I was living next to the site.

There are lots of residents living in the area, their peace of mind will be a consideration, rather than just share without answers can we try to pre-empt the naysayers by providing a FAQ so it doesn't get an outright rejection without due consideration by all.

Thanks

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Afternoon Barbara

I hope all is well with you and the community. I wonder if I can get a view from the community to try to determine if a light controlled crossing would be welcomed in Newcastleton?

Historically we've never been able to justify puffin crossings in smaller settlements that have fewer pedestrians and vehicles when considering them against larger settlements, but maybe now is the time that we re-think this and trial one in Newcastleton that has a really active community and one where we are likely to get representative feedback?

Some communities really like a green man crossing and some others really don't, and it's unlikely we'll ever please everyone, but it would be good to get an idea if we should try one, and Newcastleton does have the logging trucks heading through it and a B class road that is a bit busier than others. Realistically we couldn't recommend speed bumps or chicanes due to the noise and the stop/start in Newcastleton, but maybe a light controlled crossing would remind drivers to slow down and be a bit more careful and courteous?

We do have one pair of build-outs planned to assist pedestrians in Newcastleton, but if agreeable the planned location of these would be ideal for a light controlled crossing that would benefit pedestrians. If the community don't want a light controlled crossing we can still go ahead with the build-outs instead.



I should add the funding for a crossing cannot be spent on road maintenance, it is external funding that is ring fenced for active travel.

Barbara if you could consider this with the community and let me know if it's worth investigating and possibly pursuing then we could arrange some pedestrian and vehicle counts and liaise with the school too and see what sort of volumes we're looking at and provide some baseline data.

Many thanks

Philippa

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