

Report Item RFC040-20/21 Nuthurst Parish Council Roads & Footpath Committee 20th January 2021

Proposed Pedestrian Crossing A281 Mannings Heath

To; Councillors

From; Clerk

Re Community Highway Scheme Guidance & A281 Signalised crossings.

Cllr R Cato and Cllr J Bromley surveyed a stretch of the A281 between Elite Garage to the North and Pound Lane to the South, taking into account all the key factors that need to be met to enable NHPC to request highway improvements (a signalized crossing) at the above location.

As Cllr R Cato said at the last PC meeting, based on our survey, an application would not meet the qualifying criteria. As requested by our Chairman, here is a summary of our reasoning.

1

The road must have a minimum of 40m travel uninterrupted by junctions, parking spaces, laybys. We found two bus stop laybys and a residential drive opening onto the A281, an entrance and an exit from Elite Garage and approximately a 20 metre stretch where that stretch did not have a footpath. There are also two road junctions (Pound Lane) which join the A281. There is not any place where 40m travel could be achieved uninterrupted.

This factors alone mean an application could not meet the qualifying criteria.

2

There must be a minimum footpath width of 1.8m to accommodate the signal heads. The maximum width we measured was 1.3m

This again means the qualifying criteria would not be met.

3

If the carriageway was greater than 16m a dual crossing be required (cross one lane, wait in the middle and cross the other)

We measured the carriage way to be approximately 7m wide therefore the carriageway currently meets the qualifying criteria for a single leg crossing.

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The proposed crossing cannot be situated on the desire line (the point at people chose to cross) because of the factors described in point (1) of this summary.

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With regard to 'advance visibility, the Northbound A281 traffic would approach the proposed crossing from over the brow of a Hill situated just before its Junction with Pound lane. In order to meet the criteria, the crossing would need to be situated approx. 95m beyond the brow of the Hill.

Once again, for the reasons described in point (1) there is nowhere that the crossing could be placed to achieve the 'advance visibility' required.