

RECORD OF INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE DECISION MADE BY AN OFFICER

Decision Maker	Decision Type	Date
Nasir Dad, Director of Environment	Administrative Decision	15 May 2024

Grant Acceptance: City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) – Bus Pinch Point, Ashton Road West/Lord Lane, Failsworth

Exempt/Confidential Report		No
Key Decision ¹		No

Decision (s) ²

The existing roundabout layout at Ashton Road West / Lord Lane, Failsworth has the following identified issues:

- Difficulty for buses turning right out of Lord Lane to Ashton Road West causes bus delay, especially at peak times.
- The 4-arm mini roundabout is difficult to negotiate for motorists and pedestrians.
- The confined area doesn't give adequate space for motorists to safely make manoeuvres.
- There are too many vehicle manoeuvres for pedestrians to observe before deciding to cross.

- The existing crossing points are almost at the roundabout which doesn't give drivers sufficient time to observe pedestrians who have started to cross.
- There have been two accidents recorded at the roundabout in the last 5 years resulting in 3 slight injuries. These have resulted from negotiating manoeuvres.

Oldham Council have now secured capital funding of £61,080, via the CRSTS Bus Pinch Point Programme, to develop and design the scheme during 2024/25.

This funding will cover staff time spent on design and consultation, relevant surveys, and design input from TfGM Urban Traffic Control (UTC) as we would be looking to install a 4-arm signalised junction here to address the issues highlighted above.

¹ If the decision is Key Please use Key Decision Template.

² Brief details of the decision should be inserted. This note must set out the substance of the decision, options considered and the reason for deciding on the chosen option, although care must be taken not to disclose any confidential or exempt information. Please include proposed timescales for commencement and / or completion of implementation as appropriate.



The scheme will be subject to full business case approval (which will be prepared by TfGM) to show the strategic and economic case for the scheme.

Assuming an approval is secured, capital funding for delivery of the scheme will be released and Oldham Council would deliver the scheme on behalf of TfGM in the 2025/26 financial year.

Given the location close to Failsworth town centre shops, health, community, and leisure facilities, the developed scheme is likely to improve efficiency of the junction for traffic whilst also providing much needed pedestrian facilities to improve the safety of pedestrians using the area.

Consultation with ward members and the surrounding properties will be undertaken in due course as the scheme design and process progresses.

Reasons for the decision(s)³

This report seeks the grant acceptance of £61,080 of City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) funding to develop a 'Bus Pinch Point Scheme' for the Ashton Road West/Lord Lane Roundabout to improve the efficiency of the junction for buses and improve pedestrian facilities across and in the vicinity of the junction.

Options/Alternatives considered ⁴

Option 1:

- That the grant offer from the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) Bus Pinch Point Programme be accepted and included in the capital programme for 2024/25 financial year to enable the development of this scheme.

Option 2:

- Do not accept the grant and retain the existing junction and the associated delays to buses and safety concerns.

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Director of Environment

Decision made pursuant to:

- a) General delegation under the Council's officer scheme of delegation. Non-contract decisions up to £250**

³ Reasons for the decision must be given.

⁴ Options must be given.