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CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE**

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CABINET MEMBER FOR PROPERTY, HIGHWAYS
AND TRANSPORT**

c.c. All Members of the Property, Highways and
Transport Select Committee
c.c. Rick Connors, Place Directorate
c.c. Perry Scott – Corporate Director of Place
c.c. Ward Councillors for Harefield Village, Ickenham
and South Harefield

Date: 05 April 2023

Non-Key Decision request

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CAPITAL RELEASE REPORT (February 2023)

DEPARTMENT: PLACE

**SERVICE AREA/ PROGRAMME: High Speed 2 (HS2) Local Road Safety
Fund**

RELEASE NO: 6

Dear Cabinet Member

Attached is a report requesting that a decision be made by you as an individual Cabinet Member. Democratic Services confirm that this is not a key decision, as such, the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 notice period does not apply.

You should take a decision **on or after Monday 17 April 2023** in order to meet Constitutional requirements about publication of decisions that are to be made. You may wish to discuss the report with the Corporate Director before it is made. Please indicate your decision on the duplicate memo supplied, and return it to me when you have made your decision. I will then arrange for the formal notice of decision to be published.

Ryan Dell
Democratic Services Officer

Title of Report: High Speed 2 (HS2) Local Road Safety Fund RELEASE NO: 6

Decision made:

Reasons for your decision: (e.g. as stated in report)

Alternatives considered and rejected: (e.g. as stated in report)

Signed Date.....

Cabinet Member for Finance / Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport

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Cabinet Members	Councillor Martin Goddard Councillor Jonathan Bianco
Cabinet Portfolios	Cabinet Member for Finance Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport
Officer Contact	Rick Connors – Place Directorate
Papers with report	Appendix A with capital release requests for approval Appendix B – Design of Schemes

HEADLINES

Summary	To seek Cabinet Member approval for the release of capital funds.
Putting our Residents First Delivering on the Council Strategy 2022-2026	<p>This report supports our ambition for residents/ the Council of: An efficient, well-run, digital-enabled council working with partners to deliver services to improve the lives of all our residents</p> <p>This report supports our commitments to residents of: Safe and Strong Communities</p> <p>The Hillingdon Local Plan: Part One - Strategic Policies (2012). The Hillingdon Local Plan: Part Two - Development Management Policies (2020).</p>
Financial Cost	This report seeks the release of £36,675 from the High Speed 2 (HS2) Road Safety funding grant awarded to the Council to deliver the road safety measures in the North of the Borough detailed in this report. The project manager is Rick Connors. The works will commence upon release of the funds and are due for completion by May 2023.
Relevant Select Committee	Property, Highways and Transport.
Relevant Wards	Harefield Village, Ickenham and South Harefield

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport agree to the following capital release requests of £37k from the High Speed 2 Road Safety Fund (Appendix A).

Reasons for recommendation

The scheme meets the objectives of the 'Road Safety Fund' as it will introduce measures which will improve road safety along these roads.

One of these roads are on the approved HS2 Lorry Routes (Breakspear Road South), while the other road, Rickmansworth Road is directly affected by HS2 Works in the area, and the impact on the road network this causes.

The road safety measures on these roads will provide a lasting legacy for road safety in the area as a direct consequence of HS2 funding for this project.

Alternative options considered

The Cabinet Members may agree not to proceed with the programme of works as outlined in the report or suggest alternative projects to which funds could be allocated within the terms of the grant conditions. If the HS2 funds are not allocated to an appropriate scheme or delivered within the required timescale, the unspent funds may need to be refunded.

Select Committee comments

None at this stage.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background

Due to the large amount of HS2 Works Sites within the London Borough of Hillingdon and the acknowledgement that HS2 construction traffic will have an impact on the Borough's Road network, In May 2019 the Council received a purchase order to the value of £645k as the Hillingdon HS2 Road Safety Fund. This sum was calculated by HS2 as a pro-rata allocation as part of a route-wide fund.

The monies can be drawn upon as and when successful bids are made to HS2 via the Road Safety Fund Proforma, to date £237k has been drawn down through successful bids.

On the 06 February 2023, the London Borough of Hillingdon submitted a Proforma requesting funding of £37k for the Road Safety Measures in the North of the Borough on Breakspear Road South in Ickenham, which is on a HS2 approved Lorry Route and Rickmansworth Road in Harefield, which is directly affected by HS2 works in the area.

On the 06 February 2023, HS2 confirmed via email that the application for funding to take the schemes forward has been approved.

Officers will raise invoices to HS2 in line with the payment schedule that has been agreed with HS2 of 50% at the start of the works and 50% on completion.

Scheme Proposals

Breakspear Road South – Installation of Vehicle Activated Sign

A previous scheme that was funded by HS2 Road Safety Fund in 2021/22 included the reduction in speed limit to 30mph on Breakspear Road South. The installation of a Vehicle Activated Sign will benefit Road Safety by informing vehicles driving faster than 30mph to “Slow Down”.

Rickmansworth Road – Road Safety Scheme

Following a petition from residents regarding the vehicle speeds and the request for a pedestrian crossing point, officers have developed a package of works to help address the petitioner’s concerns and requests.

The following measures are to be installed

- Installation of a pedestrian refuge
- Installation of signage and road markings
- Installation of a Vehicle Activated Sign
- Reduction to the speed limit from the National to 40mph (from the Borough boundary to the existing 30mph limit)

The costs of both schemes are based on rates provided by the Council’s Highways Team, and the works will be undertaken by the Council’s term contractors who have quoted for the installation of all signage, road markings and Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) and are detailed below in Table 1.

Table 1. Road Safety Measures Cost Plan

Road Safety Measures Cost plan	£
Breakspear Road – Installation of VAS	8,675
Breakspear Road Sub Total	8,675
Rickmansworth Road	
Installation of Pedestrian Refuge, Road Markings, Lighting and Signage	22,000
Internal fees – Design and Inspection	4,000
Traffic Orders	2,000
Rickmansworth Road Sub Total	28,000
Total Road Safety Measures	36,675

Financial Implications

HS2 Local Road Safety Fund 2023/24 Budget £426k, Previously Released NIL, Release Requested £37k - Appendix A

In 2019/20, High Speed 2 Limited allocated £645k funding to the London Borough of Hillingdon to make improvements in places along the line of the HS2 route for traffic calming measures, safer pedestrian crossings or safer junctions for cyclists, pedestrians and drivers. The intention is for a legacy of road and cycle safety improvement for people who live and work along the HS2 route. This funding was accepted at the July 2019 Cabinet. In December 2022 Cabinet approved the re-phasing of £426k of the unspent funding into 2023/24.

The funds which are the subject of this capital release request are part of a sum which HS2 Limited has allocated to the London Borough of Hillingdon; the Council has to apply to draw down the funding to ensure the criteria are met. HS2 Limited will fund in two staged payments on start

of works and completion of works.

£219k has been drawn down through successful bids and approved for release through the capital release process, of which £34k was spent in 2020/21, £39k was spent in 2021/22 and £146k spent in 2022/23 for:

- The implementation of a camera enforced 7.5T weight restriction on Ladygate Lane Ruislip (West Ruislip);
- The upgrade of the existing pedestrian refuge on Bury Street, close to the junction of Park Road, to a zebra crossing with accompanying highway surfacing upgrade with anti-skid on both approaches (West Ruislip);
- The addition of zebrites at the Swakeleys Road/ Copthall Road East Crossing (Ickenham);
- The installation of enhanced signage at the bend on Breakspear Road South/ Tile Kiln Lane (Harefield): and
- The delivery of speed reduction measures in the North of the Borough

This report requests the release of £37k for the installation of a Vehicle Activated Sign on Breakspear Road South and the Road Safety Scheme measures detailed above on Rickmansworth Road. It has been agreed with HS2 Limited that the funding will be received in two staged payments on start of works and completion of works.

The remaining £389k of funding is subject to agreement with High Speed 2 Limited and the capital release process.

RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION

The benefit or impact upon residents, service users and communities

The reduction of speed limits and installation of vehicle activated signs on these roads will provide a lasting legacy for road safety in the area. The installation of the formal crossing point will provide a safe crossing point across a busy road and allow residents to connect safely to local facilities and services. Both schemes are an appropriate use of the HS2 Road Safety Funding.

Consultation carried out or required

The Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care is supportive of the scheme and presented a petition from residents regarding vehicle speeds and a request for a pedestrian crossing point on Rickmansworth Road. Traffic Surveys have also been carried out and shared with the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport that showed vehicle speeds were higher by the junction with Hall Drive, near to where the proposed pedestrian crossing point will be located.

There is a reduction in the speed limit on Rickmansworth Road, Harefield that will require a new Traffic Order to be formally consulted on once approval has been granted to this scheme. The Traffic Order would also need approval from the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport once consultation has finished.

CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance concurs with the financial implications set out above, noting that the proposed works are fully externally funded with no impact on Council resources.

Legal

Legal Services confirm that there are no legal impediments to the Council allocating monies from the HS2 Road Safety Fund to the projects set out in the report. Thus, there are no legal impediments to the capital release being authorised, although any contract that is entered into must comply with the Council's Procurement and Contract Standing Orders.

Infrastructure/ Asset Management

Infrastructure/ Asset Management comments are included within the body of the report.

Planning

1. The project expenditure in this report is ineligible for financing from planning obligations, i.e. balances received from Section 106 agreements.
2. The reason for ineligibility is because the project does not fit the criteria of any S106 agreements with existing unallocated balances.

Capital Release Protocol

The release of all capital funds, and certain revenue funds, held by the Council is to be made by a formal democratic decision. No expenditure can be placed or committed by officers until this formal approval is given by Democratic Services. Release of funds must be for identified projects only and strictly not for the general release of funds for projects to be identified at a later date. No block releases of capital or funding will be allowed, except if authorised by the Leader of the Council in advance to Corporate Finance. The release of funds will only be made if previous Council, Cabinet or Cabinet Member agreement has been given to the project and only if there is an approved budget.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL.

APPENDIX A – Capital Release

High Speed 2 Road Safety Fund – Release 6

Location	Project/ Expenditure Title	Information	Funds Release Sought £000's	Approve	Hold	More Information Required
Breakspear Road South	Road Safety Measures	Installation of Vehicle Activated Sign	9			
Rickmansworth Road, Harefield	Road Safety Measures	Installation of Pedestrian Crossing Point, Lighting, Road Markings and Signage	28			
Total seeking release			37			
Previously released			0			
Budget			426			
Remaining budget			389			

APPENDIX B

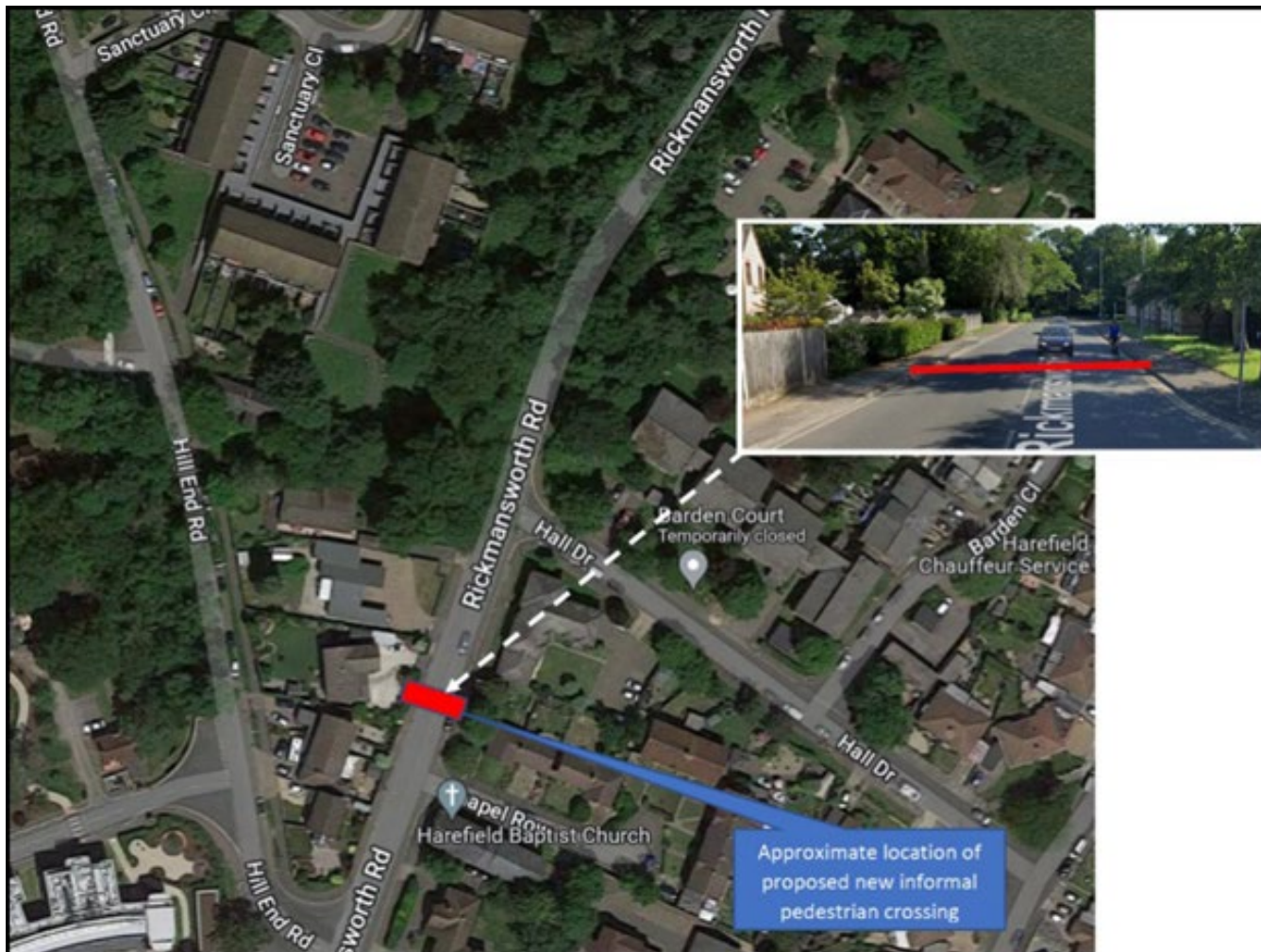
Breakspear Road South – Installation of Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS)

Sign to be installed on a new Post at the approximate location of the red circle below. A trench will be dug along the side of the existing hedgerow to connect power to the VAS from an existing power source.



Rickmansworth Road – Road Safety Scheme

Install a pedestrian refuge by Chapel Row, change the speed limit from national to 40mph from the 30mph limit to the Borough boundary and install a VAS.



INFORMAL PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

