


PROPOSED
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LOCATION PLAN



KEY :
 PROPOSED LOCATION OF ZEBRA CROSSING

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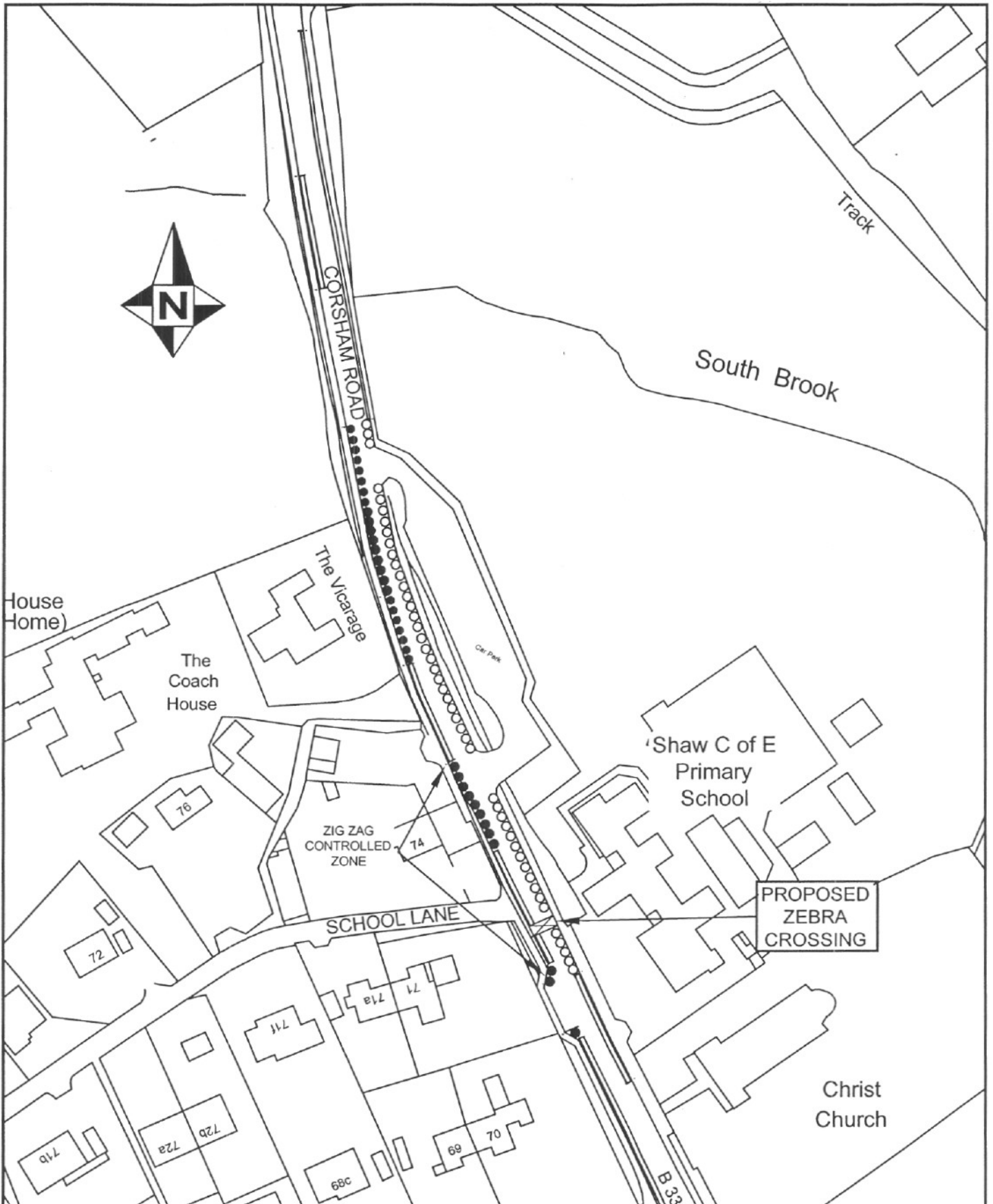


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DATE :	21/06/04
LOCATION :	B3353 CORSHAM ROAD SHAW
SCALE :	1 : 1000 / 1 : 5000



NOTES:

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	EXISTING 'NO WAITING BAM - 6PM MON-FRI TO REMAIN
	PROPOSED 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME'
	'NO WAITING BAM - 6PM MON-FRI' TO BECOME 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME'



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PROJECT:		B3353 CORSHAM ROAD, SHAW	
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Date: 11/6/04

Re: Zebra crossing at Shaw School
Ref: GBOW/TRO/MELW

Environmental Services Dept.			
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Dear Sir,

We wish to object, most strongly – on road safety grounds – to the proposed zebra crossing at Shaw C of E School – Project ref GBOW/TRO/MELW.

We accept there is a need to ensure safety, for children and parents, crossing the Corsham Road, to and from Shaw School. But the proposed zebra crossing will not overall improve road safety – it will create more road safety problems.

The Current situation

- Currently i.e. without zebra crossings, residents coming out of School Lane and wishing to turn right onto the Corsham Road (i.e. towards Melksham), have very poor sight-line to the traffic lights.
- Essentially it is very difficult to gain a clear view of traffic coming from Melksham along Corsham Road. Drivers have to come right to the edge of the main road to get a clear view of on-coming traffic – sometimes having to reverse back into School Lane.

The Proposed Plan – and the resultant increase in danger to road safety

- The proposed plan is to site the zebra crossing adjacent to School Lane.
- Parents and children will be congregating, on the widened pavement, waiting to cross the road.
- This development will totally block any sight of on-coming traffic for residents of School Lane, wishing to turn right onto Corsham Road.
- The will result in more road accident opportunities; as School Lane residents (who now have 100% vision blockage towards the traffic lights) will have to place themselves, and others, in a dangerous situation, having to move into Corsham Road to gain a view on oncoming traffic, or be forced to wait for some time (creating a dangerous situation) – simply to turn right onto Corsham Road.
- We are also deeply worried that, if the zebra crossing is in use by parents and children – and the traffic lights are green (allowing traffic to go down Corsham Road) – then this traffic will be held up at the traffic lights. Even if there is a “no-entry” box at the junction, with only one carriageway at the traffic lights, all traffic will be held up at peak times. This is not only dangerous; it will also lead to traffic blockages and hence more chances of accidents.
- Furthermore, traffic coming along Corsham Road and wanting to go to Melksham or Bath after the traffic lights, will experience severe exasperation, if the traffic lights are green, but parents and children are using the crossing.
- Assuming that the proposed plan would call for a standard zebra crossing, it would be highly likely that, at peak times, parents and children would be using the zebra crossing, continually, for some time. This would cause a severe “backing up” of traffic at the traffic lights and vehicles moving in both directions, up and down Corsham Road.
- We would also like to highlight that, if the pavement is widened, as shown, the road width will be reduced. What will happen if 2 large lorries need to pass each other? We can see road safety problems in such a situation.

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Alternative proposals that will improve the situation.

- We fully support the proposed plan to extend the no parking in Corsham Road
- We accept the need to ensure children's safety. So why cannot parents operate School Crossing Patrols (we assume that such parents place a very high priority on their children's safety) – not all parents are in paid employment that requires attendance at work at these times?
- If a zebra crossing is required, the best alternative would be to site it at point further towards Corsham i.e. beyond the exit to the school car park. This point is well away from the traffic lights and any adjoining road junctions, being in between the entrance and exit of the school car park. We would recommend that the "no parking" road signs are maintained, as per the original plan and extended up Corsham Road.
- There would also be a "zebra type" crossing across the School car park exit to delineate the pathway from the pavement to the School. This will cross the exit from the school car park, but one must bear in mind that traffic is slower and driver parents will be more orientated to school child safety

We trust that these objections are taken on board and the zebra crossing is situated as proposed—otherwise there will be a net increase in road safety dangers – as outlined in this letter.

If you wish to contact us on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



Maureen Boys



Brian Wilson