

REGULATORY COMMITTEE
9th OCTOBER 2002

**DURRINGTON: BULFORD ROAD -
OBJECTIONS TO ZEBRA CROSSING**

Purpose of Report

1. To consider objections to the siting of a proposed Zebra crossing on Bulford Road, Durrington.

Background

2. The Regulatory Committee, on 6th March 2002, considered the Annual Pedestrian Safety Report as part of the Traffic Management Report. Members agreed to the provision of a Zebra crossing at Bulford Road, Durrington. The crossing is to be funded from the Integrated Transport allocation for rural Salisbury 2002-2003.
3. A site was agreed with Bulford Parish Council approximately 11 metres north of its junction with New Road. The location is shown on the plan attached (**Appendix 1**).

Objections

4. As a result of the advertisement four letters of objection have been received from residents and a business adjacent to the proposed crossing. The points of objection together with officer comments are given in **Appendices 2 and 3**. Copies of the letters of objection are available in the **Members' Room** and from the Environmental Services Department prior to the meeting.

Detail

5. The main point of objection is that the crossing is incorrectly sited. The objectors consider that the crossing should be located outside of Durrington Junior School.
6. Surveys of pedestrian movements were carried out during term time between the hours of 8.00 am and 6.00 pm in the vicinity of the Junior School. The surveys indicate that there is a peak in crossing movements near the school entrance but throughout the rest of the day crossing movements are low. In contrast the advertised location indicates a constant flow of pedestrians throughout the whole day.
7. There are two schools in Bulford Road (the Junior School at the southern end and the Infants School towards the northern end) and the proposed crossing would benefit children and parents walking to both schools. Furthermore the proposed location is outside the local supermarket, Post Office and Bank and is in the vicinity of a Doctors' Surgery, post box and bus stop, all of which generate regular pedestrian movements.

It is considered that the installation of the crossing in the position advertised will ensure a continual use throughout the day rather than just at school start and finish times. Its relocation elsewhere in Bulford Road would reduce the number of pedestrians using the crossing, reducing the safety benefits of providing the facility.

8. Consultations including site meetings have taken place with Durrington Parish Council and the local member Mr. Baker, and they have indicated their support for a Zebra crossing at the identified location. The Police have also raised no objections.
9. In addition the points of objection raised have been discussed during a site meeting with three of the four objectors. Following this meeting the number of proposed zig-zag markings have been reduced from eight to four on the northern approach to the crossing to alleviate the concerns raised by the objectors regarding parking and loading.

Conclusion: Options Considered

10. The following options have been considered:-
 - (i) Abandon the proposal to install a pedestrian crossing in Bulford Road
 - (ii) Relocate the crossing to a new location
 - (iii) Proceed with the installation of the crossing in the advertised position

Recommendation

11. That the Zebra crossing be installed at the advertised location and the objectors advised accordingly.

Reason for Recommendation

12. The installation of the crossing in the position advertised will ensure a continual use throughout the day rather than just at school start and finish times. Its relocation elsewhere in Bulford Road would reduce the number of pedestrians using the crossing, reducing the safety benefits of providing the facility.

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The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this Report:

Letters of objection

Environmental impact of the Recommendation contained in this Report:

None

