

REGULATORY COMMITTEE  
9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2002

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**WESTBURY: EDEN VALE ROAD -  
OBJECTIONS TO PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider objections to the siting of a proposed pedestrian crossing on the C7 Eden Vale Road, Westbury, and to recommend the installation as advertised.

**Background**

2. Concern had been expressed by the Governors of Matravers Secondary School and Westbury Town Council regarding difficulties suffered by schoolchildren trying to cross Eden Vale Road, particularly at busy times of the day.
3. The Westbury Local Transport Plan Working Group, at its meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2002, agreed to the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Eden Vale Road if assessed as being appropriate.

**Detail**

4. The proposed area for a pedestrian crossing was initially identified by Westbury Town Council and was followed up by comprehensive pedestrian surveys on Eden Vale Road close to the Springfield Road junction. The surveys identified that large numbers of pedestrians, particularly schoolchildren, cross at or close to the proposed location.
5. A site meeting was held between County Council officers and representatives from Matravers School and Westbury Town Council. A location was agreed 13 metres south west of the junction between Eden Vale Road and Springfield Road. The location is shown on the plan at **Appendix 1**.
6. Westbury Town Council has indicated that it is extremely pleased that a crossing is to be installed at the proposed location. The police have not raised any objections.

**Objections**

7. As a result of the public advertisement two letters of objection have been received from residents in the vicinity of the proposed crossing.
8. The points of objection together with officer comments are given in **Appendix 2**. Full copies of the letters of objections are available in the **Members' Room** and from the Environmental Services Department prior to the meeting.

### **Financial Implications**

9. The sum of £10,000 has been allocated from the integrated transport block of the Local Transport Plan for a Zebra crossing in Eden Vale Road.

### **Conclusion: Options Considered**

10. Implement the proposed Zebra crossing as advertised.
11. Do not implement the scheme, but place on hold until after the construction of the new road through the Leigh Park estate and resulting traffic levels on Eden Vale Road are determined.

### **Recommendation**

12. That the Zebra crossing be installed as advertised.

### **Reason for Recommendation**

13. The need for a Zebra crossing at this location has been identified by the Westbury Local Transport Plan Working Group.

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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:**

Signs and beacons could be considered an intrusion to the environment but the crossing may encourage additional walking as a mode of transport, which is environmentally beneficial.

