

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

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**CRICKLADE: OBJECTIONS TO PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider objections following the advertisement of Zebra crossings and associated orders in Cricklade, and to recommend amendments.

**Background**

2. The annual Traffic Management report in March 2002 approved the installation of a Zebra crossing in the southern section of the High Street in Cricklade. It also approved the inclusion of a Zebra crossing in Calcutt Street as a reserve scheme for 2002-03.
3. Schemes for both sites were drawn up and, following consultation with the Parish Council and Conservation Officers of North Wiltshire District Council, the schemes were advertised. The scheme for High Street included alterations to waiting restriction orders in the vicinity of the proposed crossing.
4. The schemes are shown on the plans attached at **Appendix 1** (High Street) and **Appendix 2** (Calcutt Street).

**Objections**

5. As a result of the advertisements, four letters of objection have been received to the restrictions associated with the crossing in the High Street, and ten letters regarding the crossing in Calcutt Street. Full copies of the letters are available in the **Members' Room** and from the Environmental Services Department prior to the meeting. The letters and the reasons for the objections are summarised in **Appendix 3** (High Street) and **Appendix 4** (Calcutt Street).

**Considerations**

High Street crossing

6. The comments in relation to the objections are shown in **Appendix 3**. Amendments to the proposed changes in the waiting restrictions are suggested in that Appendix as a means of resolving the majority of the concerns raised by the objectors. The amendments have been discussed on site with representatives of the Town Council which has resolved to support the amendments.

7. The amendments are as follows:-

- (i) The proposed loading bay on the eastern side of High Street, south of the proposed crossing, be abandoned and the situation be kept under review.
- (ii) The proposed change of the existing No Waiting 9.00 am - 6.00 pm Monday to Friday to No Waiting at any Time on the western side of High Street, north of the proposed crossing, be abandoned and the situation be kept under review.

8. The objectors do not raise objections to the Zebra crossing and it is appropriate to implement this as advertised.

#### Calcutt Street crossing

- 9. The comments on the objections to this crossing are given in **Appendix 4**. The majority of the comments relate to the proposed location which the objectors say should be closer to the High Street mini roundabout where most pedestrians cross the road.
- 10. The comments in **Appendix 4** indicate that a revised location adjacent to the roundabout is considered acceptable and, following a site meeting, the Town Council has resolved to support the new location (see **Appendix 2**).
- 11. It would be appropriate to re-advertise this proposal in the revised location. Subject to no objections, it would then be possible to install the crossing in the 2003-04 programme as originally proposed (subject to the Committee agreeing the inclusion of this measure in the 2003-04 programme to be presented to the next meeting).

#### **Financial Implications**

- 12. There is approval in this year's integrated transport budget for the crossing in High Street. The above paragraph 11 indicates that the Calcutt Street crossing is a contender for funding in next year's programme.

#### **Conclusion: Options Considered**

13. The options considered are:-

- To implement the proposals at both sites as advertised.
- To implement the proposal for High Street with amended parking restrictions, and to re-advertise the Calcutt Street crossing in a revised location.

### **Recommendation**

14. That:-

- (i) The proposed Zebra crossing in High Street be implemented as advertised;
- (ii) The proposed loading bay on the eastern side of High Street, south of the proposed crossing, be abandoned and the situation be kept under review;
- (iii) The proposed change to the existing No Waiting 9.00 am - 6.00 pm Monday to Friday to No Waiting at any Time on the western side of High Street, north of the proposed crossing, be abandoned and the situation be kept under review;
- (iv) The proposed Zebra crossing in Calcutt Street be not implemented;
- (v) A proposal to install a Zebra crossing in Calcutt Street at the existing dropped kerbs, near its junction with High Street, be advertised.

### **Reason for Recommendation**

15. The amendments to the waiting restrictions in High Street and the revised location for the crossing in Calcutt Street are considered acceptable.

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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:**

The measures necessary to install the two crossings have been discussed with Conservation Officers at North Wiltshire District Council who consider the impact acceptable.