

**PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING - HIGH STREET, CRICKLADE**

**The objections:**

Four letters of objection have been received:

1. Cricklade Action Partnership
2. A resident of Manor Orchard, Cricklade
3. A businessman from Cricklade
4. Cricklade Town Council

The Cricklade Town Council and Cricklade Action Partnership question the need for a loading bay to the south east of the proposed crossing and the resultant loss of on-street parking.

Respondents 2 and 3 object to the loss of on-street parking associated with the proposals.

Respondent 2 supports the provision of a zebra crossing.

Respondent 3 suggests that:

“the following two alternatives would be better:

1. To allow parking on the west side, north of the crossing (i.e. on the side of the road of traffic leaving the crossing) and ban all parking on the opposite side (the east) between the crossing and the mini-roundabout outside the Vale Hotel
2. Ban parking on both sides of the street between the crossing and the mini-roundabout outside the Vale Hotel.”

**Comments:**

The proposals for the Zebra Crossing include the following changes to waiting restrictions:

- the provision of a loading bay on the eastern side of the road south of the proposed crossing and
- a change from the existing No Waiting 9am – 6pm Monday to Friday to No Waiting At Any Time on the western side of the road for lengths north and south of the proposed crossing.

The proposals are shown on Drawing Number 1000551/004 a copy of which is attached to this report.

The loading bay has been proposed to accommodate vehicles loading into premises on the eastern side of the road. At present these vehicles stop adjacent to the kerb build-out on which the crossing is proposed. The zig-zag markings associated with the proposed zebra crossing will prevent this practice. It is true that there are relatively few vehicles wishing to load and unload at this point but if a loading bay is not provided they will double park to do so. It would be possible to introduce the proposed crossing without the loading bay and monitor the situation to see if further action is necessary.

The proposed zig-zag markings have been kept to a minimum so that the existing Disabled Parking Bay and Doctor's parking bay are not affected. This means that the length of carriageway on the approaches to the proposed crossing would not be kept clear of parked vehicles over the normal length of approximately 16 metres. The proposal to change lengths of the existing No Waiting 9am – 6pm Monday to Friday on the western side of the road to No Waiting at any Time was designed to improve visibility onto the western end of the crossing.

It is not considered necessary to ban parking on the eastern side of the road between the proposed crossing and the mini-roundabout as suggested, as this would remove existing on-street parking. Visibility on this approach to the proposed crossing is not restricted due to the existing build-out on which the proposal is sited.

The proposed change in waiting restriction on the north bound approach to the proposed crossing is considered essential to provide adequate visibility on to the proposed crossing point. The proposed change north of the proposed crossing is considered to be less important and could be omitted from the proposals and the situation kept under review.

A suggestion to abandon the proposed loading bay and the proposed No Waiting at any Time restriction north of the proposed crossing has been discussed on site with representatives of Cricklade Town Council and North Wiltshire District Council. The Town Council considered the matter at a meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2003 and have resolved to support the suggested amendment.

## **Recommendation**

That:

- (i) The proposed Zebra crossing be implemented.
- (ii) The proposed loading bay on the eastern side of High Street south of the proposed crossing be abandoned and that the situation be kept under review.
- (iii) The proposed change of the existing No Waiting 9am – 6pm Monday to Friday to No Waiting at any Time on the western side of High Street north of the proposed crossing be abandoned and that the situation be kept under review.