

PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING - CALCUTT STREET, CRICKLADE**The objections:**

Ten letters of objection have been received:

1. Mrs Durham, Calcutt Street
2. Mr Durham, Calcutt Street
3. A resident of Calcutt Street
4. Mr Hillier, Calcutt Street
5. S and C Armstrong, Calcutt Street
6. A resident of Calcutt Street
7. D Hoad
8. R and K Coole
9. Cricklade Action Partnership
10. A resident of Calcutt Street

The objectors raise similar points that are listed in the following table:

Objections:	Objector									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Most pedestrians wish to cross Calcutt Street near the mini-roundabout	*	*	*	*			*	*	*	*
Heavy goods vehicles would approach the proposed crossing from the east at high speed	*									
The proposed location would result in the loss of about eight on-street parking places		*	*	*	*	*				
The proposed location would cause loading and unloading problems for adjacent properties				*		*				*
The proposed location would increase traffic noise outside listed property in which double glazing cannot be fitted					*					
Property value would be affected					*					
Comments:										
The crossing should be sited near the mini-roundabout at the existing dropped kerbs outside the door to 105 High Street	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Three crossings at the mini-roundabout should be considered	*									
Traffic signals should be considered for the High Street/Calcutt Street junction				*						
The proposal should be for a Pelican Crossing		*								
Overall survey of traffic problems needed								*		

Comments:

The proposed location was chosen following an assessment of the number of pedestrians wishing to cross Calcutt Street in a length of approximately 100 metres stretching eastwards from the High Street junction. In order to cater for the maximum number of pedestrians it was considered reasonable to place the crossing centrally in this length of road. Following receipt of the objections the proposal has been reconsidered. Observations on site confirm that the majority of pedestrians wish to cross Calcutt Street at the High Street junction.

Drawing Number 1000592/009, a copy of which is attached to this report, shows the proposed location as advertised and the suggested location at the existing dropped kerbs.

It is acknowledged that the zig-zag markings at the proposed location would reduce the available on-street parking and cause some residents difficulties whilst loading and unloading. If the crossing were to be installed at the High Street junction fewer residents would be affected. It is likely that traffic noise would increase for those residents close to the proposed location for the crossing.

Neither the use of a Pelican crossing nor the installation of traffic signal control at the junction is not considered appropriate. Research has demonstrated that there are no road safety advantages from the use of Pelican crossings rather than Zebra crossings.

It is not normally recommended that Zebra crossings should be installed close to mini-roundabouts but is considered that those pedestrians crossing at the existing dropped kerbs near the junction will continue to do so. If a crossing was installed at the advertised location it is possible that these pedestrians may be at more risk. The suggested site is considered satisfactory even though the visibility from the northern section of High Street onto the crossing point is restricted.

The suggested repositioning of the proposed Zebra 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 6th January 2003 and has resolved to support the suggested repositioning. The District Council representative considered the suggested site satisfactory.

If Members decide that it would be better to site the proposed Zebra crossing at the existing dropped kerbs at the High Street junction, as suggested by the objectors and shown on Drawing Number 1000592/009, it would be necessary for the proposal to be re-advertised.

Recommendation

That:

- (i) The proposed Zebra crossing, as advertised, should NOT be implemented.
- (ii) A proposal to install a Zebra crossing in Calcutt Street at the existing dropped kerbs near its junction with High Street be advertised.