

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

5th FEBRUARY 2003

**WARMINSTER: BOREHAM ROAD - OBJECTIONS
TO ZEBRA CROSSINGS**

Purpose of Report

1. To consider objections to the proposed siting of two Zebra crossings on the B3414 Boreham Road, Warminster, and to recommend the installation as advertised.

Background

2. The Local Transport Plan Working Group for Warminster has agreed that traffic management measures be installed in Boreham Road, Warminster and £65,000 has been allocated for implementation of a scheme from the Integrated Transport allocation for the town.
3. Consultants were employed by the County Council in November 2001 to carry out public consultation and attain views on potential measures for Boreham Road. This was achieved through a series of both Stakeholder and Focus Group meetings with residents.

Detail

4. Feedback from local residents following the Focus and Stakeholder meetings was very positive with a clear consensus to reduce the speed of traffic and improve facilities for pedestrians. Residents did however feel that formal traffic calming measures such as humps and chicanes would be detrimental to the character of Boreham Road.
5. With the residents opinion in mind a draft scheme design was prepared in January 2002, which included kerb-line build-outs, a pedestrian refuge, two new Zebra crossings and an extension to the 30 mph speed limit.
6. A Design Day was held in February 2002. Residents were invited to come along and take a look and discuss the preliminary proposals with Engineers from the County Council and representatives from the Transport Research Laboratory. The day was well attended and, subject to a few minor comments, the proposals were generally well received.
7. Warminster Town Council and West Wiltshire District Council have indicated that they fully support the proposals for Boreham Road. The Police have also raised no objections.

8. A public exhibition took place in Warminster library and the Town Council Offices in October 2002 for a period of three weeks. Residents were invited to come along and take a look at the final proposals and make comments if they so wished. As expected the exhibition raised a small amount of both positive and negative feedback.
9. The locations of the two proposed Zebra crossings are indicated in **Appendix 1**.

Objections

10. As a result of the public advertisement two letters of objection have been received from local residents.
11. The main points of objection from both objectors are that the proposed Zebra crossing adjacent to Highbury Park/Prestbury Drive junction is not justified and will be dangerous for both motorists and pedestrians.
12. The points of objections together with officer comments are shown 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.

Conclusion: Options Considered

13. Implement the proposed Zebra crossings as advertised.
14. Do not implement the crossing adjacent to Prestbury Drive, but implement the crossing located close to St. John's School only.

Recommendation

15. That the Zebra crossings be installed as advertised.

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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.