

## CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT – CLLR PHILIP WHITEHEAD

### HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT SERVICE

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### INTENTION - EXTENSION OF CONTROLLED ZONE – BATH ROAD, ATWORTH

#### Purpose of Report

1. To consider the comments received following the formal advertisement of the extension to the controlled zone at Bath Road, Atworth and to recommend an appropriate way forward.

#### Relevance to the Council's Business Plan

2. This proposal meets two priorities of the Council's Business Plan.
  - Outcome 2 – People in Wiltshire work together to solve problems locally and participate in decisions that affect them.
  - Outcome 6 – People are as protected from harm as possible and feel safe.

#### Background

3. A Road Safety Appraisal was completed in March 2013 due to some local concern following a road traffic collision in the vicinity of the crossing. This appraisal concluded that extending the length of the zig zag markings on the westbound approach to the crossing to improve visibility could bring about an improved reduction in potential collision risk. After further discussion and a site meeting an extension to the controlled zone on both approaches was agreed requiring the Parish Council to carry out consultation with the local residents before any changes would be formally advertised.
4. The issue was discussed by the Melksham Community Area Transport Group (CATG) and it was requested that Highway Engineers investigate further and provide an estimate for the extension of the controlled zone on both approaches to the crossing as well as upgrading the existing Belisha Beacons at the crossing to LED 'Halo' Belisha Beacons.
5. A plan outlining the extent of the proposal was provided to Atworth Parish Council for its information and consideration included in **Appendix 1**. The Parish Council outlined no objection for the proposal.
6. During the advertisement period for the extension of the controlled zone, four letters of comment have been received, three of which are objections and one letter of support. No comment was received from the affected Wiltshire Council Member.

### **Main Considerations for the Council**

7. To consider the comments received during the consultation period. A revised proposal plan is included in **Appendix 2**, a summary of the issues raised and officer comments are included in **Appendix 3**. Details of the commentators are provided in **Appendix 4**.

### **Safeguarding Implications**

8. There is no risk to the Council as a result of these proposals.

### **Public Health Implications**

9. There are none with this proposal.

### **Corporate Procurement Implications**

10. There are none with this proposal.

### **Environmental and Climate Change Considerations**

11. The installation of LED 'Halo' Belisha Beacons could have an effect on light pollution as the LED's direct light horizontally along the carriageway instead of directing the light outwards towards the footway and residential properties. Further road markings at this location could be considered detrimental to the visual vista and street scene.

### **Equalities Impact of the Proposal**

12. There are none with this proposal.

### **Risk Assessment**

13. If schemes, programmed for design or delivery within the current financial year, are not progressed the Council risks the potential of delayed delivery in subsequent years due to other funding demands and uncertainty of future budget.

### **Financial Implications**

14. The on ground electrical work and road marking changes will be funded from the Melksham CATG and Atworth Parish Council.

### **Legal Implications**

15. There are none with this proposal.

### **Options Considered**

16. To:
  - (i) Implement the advertised changes.
  - (ii) Amend the advertised changes in accordance with the comments made.

### **Reason for Proposals**

17. The shortening of the advertised outbound controlled zones is considered to be reasonable. It is not considered that the overall safety will be compromised and the changes address the concerns raised.

## **Proposals**

18. That:

- (i) The proposals be amended to take into account the concerns raised.
- (ii) The objectors be informed accordingly.

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**The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this Report:**

None