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THE COMMON, HOLT ZEBRA CROSSING – OBJECTIONS TO ZEBRA CROSSING

Purpose of Report

1. To:
 - (i) Consider the objections and letters of support, following the formal advertisement of a zebra crossing on The Common, Holt.
 - (ii) Recommend that installation of the crossing proceeds.

Background

2. The request for a crossing on the B3107 The Common/The Street was identified by the Bradford on Avon Community Area Transport Group as a priority to improve the safety of children and parents accessing Holt Primary School.
3. A feasibility study concluded that the provision of a zebra crossing in the vicinity of 152/153 The Common would be appropriate. There were no other suitable locations within the area of interest.
4. The proposed zebra crossing has been formally advertised in accordance with statutory procedure with a closing date of 27 January 2012.
5. As a result of the public advertisement 11 letters of objection and 134 letters of support have been received. These are listed in **Appendix 1**. Officer comments on the points raised are set out in **Appendix 2**.
6. The local Wiltshire Council Member has indicated support for the introduction of a zebra crossing at this location. Holt Parish Council has indicated full support for the proposal. Duncan Hames MP has written in support for the proposal. The Bradford on Avon Area Board and the Bradford Community Area Transport Group also support the proposal.

Main Considerations for the Council

7. Consideration needs to be given to the responses received and a decision made on the way forward.

Environmental Impact of the Proposal

8. The introduction of a zebra crossing will involve the installation of associated belisha beacons and lining. This will have an impact on the visual aspect but has to be balanced against the need to ensure that safe access and visibility is provided.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

9. There are none with this proposal.

Risk Assessment

10. If schemes programmed for design or delivery within the current financial year are not progressed, the funding for the scheme provided by the Community Area Transport Group may not be carried forward to future financial years.

Financial Implications

11. Funding has been allocated from the Bradford on Avon Community Area Transport Group from its 2011-12 budget. The group has also successfully bid for funding from the 2011-12 Substantive CATG fund. Local fundraising has also taken place to contribute toward the cost of the crossing.
12. If a decision is taken to delay current proposals this may result in the loss of the budget.

Legal Implications

13. None.

Options Considered

14. To:
- (i) Implement the proposal as advertised.
 - (ii) Not implement the proposal.

Reason for Proposal

15. The comments set out in **Appendix 2** on the various objections received indicate that it is considered appropriate to introduce the scheme as advertised.

Proposal

16. That:
- (i) The zebra crossing be installed as advertised.
 - (ii) The objectors and supporters be informed accordingly.

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

Letters of representation