

APPENDIX 2

Objection

Ref	Comment Received	Officer Comment
1	<p>I am sending this email to you as a protest about the crossing that is planned for Collingbourne Ducis.</p> <p>In my opinion the cost involved is really beyond belief, considering the spending cuts that Wiltshire Council are making to the services that they provide.</p> <p>The cost of the crossing, so I have been informed is £81,000. That amount of money could be used to subsidise other areas where it is really needed.</p> <p>The crossing is not cost effective, because apart from school starting and finishing times, the crossing will not be in constant use. During school holidays it will be hardly used at all.</p> <p>I do not believe that this scheme was seriously thought through, before you made the decision to go ahead with the scheme.</p>	<p>The assessment into the feasibility of a crossing has been brought about regarding concerns expressed within the community about the difficulties experienced crossing the A338.</p> <p>The crossing has not been proposed as a method of seeking a resolution to other local concerns relating to the A338. A pedestrian crossing seeks to resolve the particular issue of pedestrians seeking to assert precedence over vehicular traffic.</p> <p>The funds for this facility have been secured following a successful application from the authorities funding for large scale schemes borne through the Community Area Transport Groups.</p> <p>This forms part of the allocation the authority receives as a capital grant from central government to deliver schemes in line with the objectives in its Local Transport Plan.</p>
2	<p>I feel that the crossing is not required as there is a school crossing attendant at the times that the children cross the road to go/leave school.</p> <p>Your own report indicates that you did not reach the required number of pedestrians (50) at peak times.</p> <p>When the new school was built, no recommendation was made then for a crossing.</p>	<p>The provision of a school crossing patrol is undoubtedly a benefit to the community; however, the benefit the patrol provides is limited to the times of the school's operation. The proposed formal facility will be available for use at all times.</p> <p>The recorded pedestrian survey identified an existing demand very close to the threshold used to determine whether a formal facility is beneficial, whilst this location does not meet the average of 50 pedestrians per hour over the four busiest hours (actual 48.5), consideration is also given to the level of latent demand. Given the facilities (shop, school etc...) in the village and their locations, it is expected that the introduction of such a facility will encourage additional usage to a level which satisfies this guidance.</p> <p>The proposed facility is not being installed following a specific concern raised by the school and consequently the comment relate to the construction of the new school is not seen as relevant.</p>

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3	<p>It will also make the existing junction even more complex and add to delays for people exiting Chicks Lane / Cadley Road. Your report also shows that there has only been one incident in three years so this is hardly an accident black spot.</p>	<p>The decision to locate a crossing is not solely dependent upon the number of personal injury collisions which have been recorded.</p> <p>The justification of a crossing primarily relates to the level of demand for its use and the ability of pedestrians to assert precedence over vehicles. The recorded pedestrian survey identified an existing demand very close to the threshold used to determine whether a formal facility is beneficial, whilst this location does not meet the average of 50 pedestrians per hour over the four busiest hours (actual 48.5), consideration is also given to the level of latent demand. Given the facilities (shop, school etc...) in the village and their locations, it is expected that the introduction of such a facility will encourage additional usage to a level which satisfies this guidance.</p> <p>It is not perceived that the addition of a pedestrian crossing at this location will conflict with the junction, nor be detrimental to road safety. The provision of a facility which introduces additional breaks in traffic can assist turning movements in and out of junctions as its use provides additional breaks in traffic.</p>
4	<p>More attention should be drawn to the volume of traffic and the speed, de-priming of the route, not additional street furniture which will have a detrimental feel to Collingbourne Ducis being a Village.</p>	<p>The request received by the Community Area Transport Group had been to investigate the issues surrounding the provision for pedestrians crossing.</p> <p>Concerns relating to speeding vehicles and the use of HGV's remain separate to this.</p>
5	<p>I believe this proposal to be a "knee- jerk" reaction to a larger problem on the A338. The Puffin crossing will only cause further problems in the future rather than curing the problems at source (i.e. speed and HGV traffic on the A338.) A more forward-thinking and planned solution should have been considered.</p>	<p>The assessment into the feasibility of a crossing has been brought about regarding concerns expressed within the community about the difficulties experienced crossing the A338.</p> <p>The crossing has not been proposed as a method of seeking a resolution to other local concerns relating to the A338. A pedestrian crossing seeks to resolve the particular issue of pedestrians seeking to assert precedence over vehicular traffic.</p>

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6	Although the crossing may help children to cross the road, (for which I am in full agreement), no sensible adult would allow a child to cross on their own on a Puffin crossing on this road without being there in person.	<p>Any decision to allow potential child users unaccompanied, remains that of the parent.</p> <p>The introduction of any pedestrian crossing does not automatically provide a safe crossing provision, the onus remains on the user to use the facility correctly and cross the road with due care and attention.</p>
7	The money for this venture appears to have come from nowhere without a wider debate from the villagers as to how it should be spent. It is a very large sum of money which might be better spent on a long term solution for all the villages on the A338.	<p>The funding for this facility has been secured following a successful application from the authorities funding for large scale schemes borne through the Community Area Transport Groups.</p> <p>This forms part of the allocation the authority receives as a capital grant from central government to deliver schemes in line with the objectives in its Local Transport Plan.</p>
8	Given that 220 people signed a petition to have speed cameras and to make the road clearer of HGV traffic their views are not taken into account. They did not ask for a Puffin crossing. It is the Parish Council- 8 people, who have made this decision on our behalf.	<p>The request received by the Community Area Transport Group had been to investigate the issues surrounding the provision for pedestrians crossing.</p> <p>Concerns relating to speeding vehicles and the use of HGV's remain separate to this.</p>
9	Only a limited number of villagers want this crossing. The rest are either ambivalent or do not want it, fearing a backlog of HGVs when the crossing is in operation, particularly at high peak times such as 8-9 in the morning and 3-4 pm at night.	It is acknowledged that the provision of a crossing facility will introduce additional delay to motorists and the associated increase in noise and additional pollution that can be generated from vehicles having to stop / start.
10	The Puffin crossing will cause a heavy build-up of traffic on the main road through the village with HGV's slowing down and causing deadlock at the junction including environmental noise and pollution.	<p>The level of delay incurred, and associated disruption depends on the type of facility, the volume of traffic and the level of demand for use of the particular facility. However this has to be offset against the difficulty experienced by pedestrians wishing to cross the road, in this instance the benefit to pedestrian is considered greater than the small level of delay expected from the provision of a controlled facility.</p> <p>The type of facility is a Pedestrian User Friendly Intelligent crossing (PUFFIN). These crossings have been developed to be responsive to traffic and pedestrian demand and intuitive to the needs of users, ensuring delays experienced to motorists are reduced to minimal levels. For example, if a demand is placed and the</p>

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		pedestrian walks away from the crossing, the detection equipment is responsive to this and cancels the demand without allowing the facility running through its cycle, or if a pedestrian is slower crossing, the equipment recognises this and extends the green time to allow pedestrian across without fear of intimidation from waiting traffic.

Support

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S1	This crossing is desperately required. There is a high volume of heavy traffic on the A 338, we have elderly residents, young children, the disabled, bus users and shoppers all trying to cross this busy road. Please go ahead as quickly as possible.	All comments in support of the proposal.
S2	I walk my 2 children to school and back every day and therefore need to cross the road 4 times a day. The traffic is fast, the lorries are frightening and unless this crossing is supported, it will be a matter of time before someone is killed or seriously injured. I was nearly caught out last week whilst picking my children up from school - the crossing needs to happen!	
S3	We have recently moved into the lovely village of Collingbourne Ducis. One of the first things we noticed was how busy this road is with artic lorries and other large vehicles most of which are well over the 30 mile an hour limit. I find this road difficult to cross. We are overjoyed at hearing that we will be having a Pedestrian crossing. Its great news for everyone. It will be so much safer for mums taking their children to school and older children that get the bus. We'll done to everyone that has been involved in making this happen.	
S4	The Parish Council for Collingbourne Ducis is unanimously in favour of this project. If you are elderly, use a wheel chair, disabled motor scooter or a child it has been almost impossible to cross the A338 safely when the school crossing lady is not on duty. For years the village has had the A338 bisect the village and proving a dis-incentive from one side of the village easily mixing. We hope to see this project reach its completion in the near future.	
S5	I wanted to confirm our support for the proposed installation of a puffin crossing on the A338 at Collingbourne Ducis. The high street (A338) at Collingbourne Ducis can be very busy at times with heavy traffic and you can wait a long time to cross safely. We have an excellent school and a number of pupils & parents have to cross the road to get to the school, this puffin crossing will increase their safety. The village also has a number of elderly residents which use the local Spar shop and again this proposal will increase their safety whilst crossing the road. We observe a number of speeding vehicles on a daily basis as the road is straight & people tend to exceed the 30mph limit, I hope this crossing will help to keep speeds down. I believe some	

	<p>crossings are able to monitor speeds & default to a red light unless the oncoming traffic is within the speed limit & of course no pedestrians are crossing, this would be a good feature to consider.</p>	
S6	<p>I would like to say how pleased I am that we are finally going to get a pedestrian crossing in the village, it's long overdue, but better late than never. As a mother it will give me piece of my when my son is old enough to cross the road alone, and also should have a positive effect on the speed of the traffic coming through the village.</p>	
S7	<p>I am writing to put forward my views and express how relieved I am that a pelican crossing is being planned on the A338 high street in Collingbourne Ducis. As a resident in the village and a Mother, I feel this has been a long time coming, having openly voiced my concerns for the safety of our residents on numerous occasions to our local parish councillor Charles Howard, who has been a great support to this cause.</p> <p>For a village as busy as ours, this crossing is absolutely imperative; not only to ensure our children can cross more safely when going to and from the spar shop (the only convenience store in the village), but on their journey to and from school. I have witnessed so many close calls with the lorries, vans and cars that feel they have a right to use our village as a bypass, and I hope this crossing not only ensures a safer pass for our residents when crossing the road, but will aid in slowing down the traffic.</p> <p>Our school, Collingbourne Primary CE provides a high quality standard of education in a safe environment, but for it only now to have plans for a crossing to also provide safe passage for our children defies belief with many of our residents.</p> <p>My elderly Mother and Father-in-Law often house sit and cannot cross the high street. With hip replacements and back problems, they simply refuse to cross the A338 as they do not feel safe - therefore, they are pretty much house bound when staying here, so just for that reason alone (and there are many others), I completely support the crossing and hope for it to be put into place sooner rather than later, because to be honest... we have all waited long enough!</p>	
S8	<p>As the Headteacher of Collingbourne school the pedestrian crossing would improve the safety of crossing a very busy road for children, parents and villagers. This road has become increasingly busy with heavy lorries at all times of the day with several reported to be travelling in excess of the speed limit.</p>	
S9	<p>I agree that there should be a crossing in Collingbourne Ducis high street. The traffic is very busy along this road often exceeding the speed limit. It is very difficult to cross the road there to take the children to school and the crossing would help us get our children to school easy and also reduce the speed of traffic, it would also save Wiltshire Council money because Mrs Cross would not be needed anymore.</p>	

S10	<p>Hello, I would just like to add my support to the proposed pedestrian crossing at A338 Marlborough Rd, High Street, Collingbourne Ducis.</p> <p>The volume and speed of traffic is considerable at times and it can be very intimidating trying to cross the road with small children with lorries thundering past. I am also reluctant to let my older children cross the road unsupervised as the path is narrow and the road can be dangerous. There are many elderly residents that need to cross the road in order to reach the shop and post office. The crossing would also help to slow the traffic at what is a dangerous junction. I whole heartedly support the proposal. Thank you.</p>	
S11	<p>I would very much like to see the pedestrian crossing in the village. I have 8 and 9 year old boys who live on the shop side of the village, so we need to cross the road when walking to school or to go and play on the rec. It would be wonderful to think they could be able to do this themselves safely as the road is far too fast otherwise. Also for our elderly community to have more confidence to cross the road as the traffic is so fast and busy it can be intimidating for them. I am very much in favour of this.</p>	