

OFFICER DECISION REPORT – NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION

INFORMAL CONSULTATION (with the Chief Constable and Ward Members)

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PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Traffic Group

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| TITLE OF REPORT: | A37 Whitchurch Crossing |
| PROPOSAL: | Toucan Crossing |
| SCHEME REF No: | 23-010 |
| REPORT AUTHOR: | Kris Gardom |

1. DELEGATION

The delegation to be exercised in this report is contained within **Part 3, Section 4** of the Constitution under the **Delegation of Functions to Officers**, as follows:

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| Section A | The Chief Executive, Strategic Directors, Divisional Directors and Heads of Service have delegated power to take any decision falling within their area of responsibility....” |
| Section B | Without prejudice to the generality of this, Officers are authorised to: serve any notices and make, amend or revoke any orders falling within his/her area of responsibility. |
| Section D9 | An Officer to whom a power, duty or function is delegated may nominate or authorise another Officer to exercise that power, duty or function, provided that Officer reports to or is responsible to the delegator. |

For the purposes of this report, the Director of Place Management holds the delegated power to make, amend or revoke any Orders.

2. LEGAL AUTHORITY

This proposal is made in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which under Section 23 enables local highway authorities to establish crossings for pedestrians.

3. PROPOSAL

The proposal is for a signalised toucan crossing between the two bus stops to the north of Queen Charlton Lane on the A37, which will provide a safe and effective crossing facility for pedestrians and cyclists. Blister tactile paving, along with road markings and signage to indicate its presence would also be provided. The new formal crossing point will improve the level of service of the Active Travel facilities in the area.

4. BACKGROUND

This scheme is part of the Liveable Neighbourhoods (LN) programme. The programme aims to improve streets and neighbourhoods across Bath and North East Somerset through a combination of temporary, permanent, and behavioural change interventions.

The interventions will help reduce vehicular traffic speeds in addition to providing safer environments for pedestrians and cyclists to navigate the A37 and access the play park from surrounding residential areas. Encouraging people to explore their neighbourhoods by way of walking, cycling, and wheeling.

Feedback collected to date has been obtained through the original Liveable Neighbourhood application and the public engagement phase, which took place in December 2021. This has provided the Project Team with a better understanding of the issues facing the local community, and potential interventions that would deliver improvements through a combination of temporary and permanent measures.

The A37 is a major route in and out of Bristol, with high volumes of traffic including heavy vehicles and high vehicle speeds on the approach to Whitchurch Village. The issue comes from both cars, vans, and HGVs, which also negatively impact on pollution. Currently there are no pedestrian priority crossings along this stretch of the A37.

The scheme area is located along the A37, just to the South of Whitchurch Village. The current challenge for pedestrians and cyclists is to cross the busy and fast A37 to access the play park and the National Cycling Network route 3. A signalised toucan crossing between the two bus stops to the north of Queen Charlton Lane on the A37 would provide a safe and effective crossing facility for pedestrians and cyclists.

5. SOURCE OF FINANCE

This proposal is being funded by the project code: TLN0002S – LN-A37 Crossing

6. CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT

The proposal requires informal consultation with the Chief Constable, Ward Members, and the Cabinet Members for Transport.

PROPOSAL(S) APPROVED FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATION WITH THE CHIEF CONSTABLE AND WARD MEMBERS.



Paul Garrod
Traffic Management and Network Manager

Date: 24th February 2023

Proposed A37 Toucan Crossing Location Plan:

