

# OFFICER DECISION REPORT

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ADDRESSED TO: Group Manager - Highways & Traffic

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team

<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>B3355 Silver Street, Midsomer Norton</b>
<b>PROPOSAL:</b>	<b>Proposed 'Toucan' Pedestrian Crossing and School Keep Clear marking</b>
<b>SCHEME REF No.:</b>	<b>19-022</b>

## 1. STATEMENT

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:

<b>Section A</b>	The Chief Executive, Strategic Directors, Divisional Directors and Heads of Service have delegated power to take any decision falling within their area of responsibility....”
<b>Section B</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.
<b>Section D9</b>	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 purpose of this report, in January 2016, the Divisional Director Environmental Services delegated the power to make, amend or revoke Notices or any Orders to the Group Manager, Highways and Traffic.

## 2. LEGAL AUTHORITY

This proposal is made in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which under Section 23 & 1 provides, generally, for Orders to be made for the following reasons, and in the case of this report specifically for the reason(s) shown with an “x” in the right hand column:

(a)	for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or	X
(b)	for preventing damage to the road or to any building on or near the road, or	
(c)	for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), or	X
(d)	for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property, or	
(e)	(without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (d) above) for preserving the character of the road in a case where it is specially suitable for use by persons on horseback or on foot, or	
(f)	for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs, or	X

(g)	for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality)	
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### 3. **BACKGROUND**

As part of a Section 278 Agreement associated with the development of a new primary school, care home, sheltered accommodation, residential dwellings and associated highway infrastructure and public facilities adjacent to Silver Street, Midsomer Norton, it is proposed to introduce a traffic signal controlled 'toucan' pedestrian and cycling crossing.

It is also proposed to introduce an enforceable 'school keep clear' road marking adjacent to the new primary school. The restriction prohibits parking and stopping on the marking.

### 4. **ISSUES**

To encourage parents and their children to walk, cycle and scoot to the new primary school, the highway infrastructure associated with the site includes new footways and cycle paths, so it is appropriate that a formal crossing facility is provided to assist pedestrians and cyclists to cross Silver Street, which is a busy 'B' classified road.

An enforceable 'school keep clear' road marking is considered appropriate to prevent parents and visitors from parking directly adjacent to the new primary school during school hours. It is proposed, therefore that the 'school keep clear' marking will be operational from 8am – 6pm, Monday to Friday.

### 5. **SOURCE OF FINANCE**

The proposed traffic signal controlled 'toucan' pedestrian crossing and 'school keep clear' is being funded by the developer.

### 6. **CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT**

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

PROPOSALS APPROVED FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATION WITH THE CHIEF CONSTABLE AND WARD MEMBERS.



Signature:  
Paul Garrod  
Traffic Management and Network Manager

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020

7. **INFORMAL CONSULTATION FEEDBACK**

**Police:** The proposal should meet the aspirations as set out in the Officers Decision Report.

**Ward Members:**

Councillor Paul Myers: No comments received.

Councillor Christopher Watt: No comments received.

**Cabinet Members:**

Councillor Neil Butters: No comments received.

Councillor Joanne Wright: Thank you for the update on this TRO 20-022 Silver St. Please can I ask that you proceed with this traffic improvement that will enable safe crossing on a road to a school.

**8. RECOMMENDATION**

That approval is given to progress the public advertisement of the legal Notice that is required to support the introduction of the proposed 'toucan' pedestrian crossing, and the Order that is required to support the introduction of the 'school keep crossing' on Silver Street, Midsomer Norton, as indicated on drawing number NHP-HYD-XX-XX-DR-D-0100.



Signature:

Paul Garrod  
Traffic Management & Network Manager

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**9. DECISION**

As the officer holding the above delegation, I:

Approve the progression of this Traffic Regulation Order.	X
Agree that this Traffic Regulation Order should not be progressed at this time.	

In taking this decision, I confirm that due regard has been given to the Council's public sector equality duty, which requires it to consider and think about how its policies or decisions may affect people who are protected under the Equality Act.

Signed:  .....

Date: ...14/04/21....

Chris Major  
Group Manager – Assistant Director Highways and Transport