

# OFFICER DECISION REPORT – ZEBRA PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

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## APPROVAL TO PROGRESS

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Traffic Group

**TITLE OF REPORT:** High Street, Bathford, Bath

**PROPOSAL:** Proposed Zebra Crossing

**SCHEME REF No:** 23-015

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Kelly Huggins

### 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:

<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 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

To install a zebra pedestrian crossing on the High Street, Bathford, approximately 17 metres west of the Dover Park junction.

The proposed zebra pedestrian crossing is shown in **appendices A**.

#### **4. BACKGROUND**

Road safety and pedestrian improvements have been requested by Bathford Parish Council. Following a site meeting, a zebra pedestrian crossing facility has been identified as the most appropriate option to assist pedestrians wishing to cross the High Street. Following observations, it had been determined that the identified section of road is a clear pedestrian desire line for a crossing point which also has good all-round visibility.

Providing a zebra crossing and additional pedestrian improvements within this locality will improve pedestrian safety amenity and help to encourage greater walking activity, including to and from Bathford Primary School, the recreational ground, and the local shop.

It is also proposed to extend the existing double yellow lines and introduce new at the appropriate locations. A proposal has therefore, been put forward to the next available TRO file for the Bathford area.

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

This proposal is being funded through the 2023/24 Transport Improvement Programme.

#### **6. INFORMAL CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT**

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

#### **7. INFORMAL CONSULTATION FEEDBACK**

##### **Chief Constable**

Thank you for your email and attachment regarding the proposed installation of a zebra crossing on the High Street, Bathford, approximately 17 metres west of the Dover Park junction.

*I understand from the attached Informal Consultation that “Road safety and pedestrian improvements have been requested by Bathford Parish Council. Following a site meeting, a zebra pedestrian crossing facility has been identified as the most appropriate option to assist pedestrians wishing to cross the High Street. Following observations, it had been determined that the identified section of road is a clear pedestrian desire line for a crossing point which also has good all-round visibility. Providing a zebra crossing and additional pedestrian improvements within this locality will improve pedestrian safety amenity and help to encourage greater walking activity, including to and from Bathford Primary School, the recreational*

ground, and the local shop. It is also proposed to extend the existing double yellow lines and introduce new at the appropriate locations” As shown on Appendix A of the attached report.

The drawing shows tactile paving on either side of the Ashley Road junction, but there appears to be no waiting restrictions to prevent vehicles from parking in this location. Imagery from Google maps suggests that vehicles park around the Ashley Road/Bathford Hill junction. This has potential to compromise the tactile paving. (imagery from April 2023) <https://maps.app.goo.gl/oQspttPENtg4L6xx8>  
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/gmFWq5CgdNno3VbV6>

The TRO Report states that “*It is also proposed to extend the existing double yellow lines and introduce new at the appropriate locations.*” Will this be subject of a separate consultation?

Also, within Ashley Road / Bathford Hill junction, the drawing shows that kerb buildouts will be used to narrow the junction bellmouth and provide a location for the tactile paving associated with the crossing. I am aware that this will place the beacons associated with the crossing in close proximity to the adjacent housing which fronts onto the footpath. Having experienced a similar situation elsewhere, where light disturbance proved a concern after installation of a zebra, will the beacons be cowled to prevent light spillage?

With regard to the zebra crossing, the proposal should meet the aspirations behind its introduction.

### **Ward Members**

**Cllr Kevin Guy** – Excellent work. I fully support the implementation as laid out. Being kept fully informed of timelines is really appreciated. Well done.

**Cllr Sarah Warren** – I fully support this much needed intervention to enable safe movement around the village for pedestrians.

### **Bathford Parish Council**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal. I have submitted our local resident feedback to you previously which we have discussed in correspondence.

### **Cabinet Member**

**Cllr Manda Rigby** - I am happy for this to proceed to the next stage.

**8. RECOMMENDATION**

As no significant objections and/or comments have been received following the informal consultation described above, the public advertisement of the Traffic Regulation Order process should progress.



Paul Garrod  
Traffic Management and Network Manager

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**9. DECISION**

As the officer holding the above delegation, I approve the progression of this Traffic Regulation Order.

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.



Chris Major  
Director for Place Management

Date: 19/09/23

**APPENDIX A – Proposed General Arrangement**

