

**OFFICER DECISION REPORT – NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
(TRAFFIC REGULATION NOTICE) (TRO)**

PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION (Cabinet Member for Sustainable Transport Delivery)

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TITLE OF REPORT: Paulton Road, Midsomer Norton

PROPOSAL: Zebra Pedestrian Crossing

SCHEME REF No: 26-013

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1. DELEGATION

*The delegation to be exercised in this report is contained within **Part 2 Section 2.35** of the Constitution under the **Delegations of Functions to Officers**, as follows:*

Section A	<i>The Chief Executive, Executive Director - Chief Operating Officer, Directors and Heads of Service have delegated power to take any decision falling within their area of responsibility....”</i>
Section B	<i>Without prejudice to the generality of this, Officers are authorised to: serve any notices and make, amend or revoke any orders falling within their area of responsibility.</i>
Section D	<i>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.</i>

For the purposes of this report, the Director of Place Management and the Head of Highways Delivery hold 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 introduce a new Zebra Pedestrian Crossing on Paulton Road, Midsomer Norton

just north of the junction of Redfield Road.

The proposals are shown on the attached drawing.

4. REASON

Please refer to the Statement of Reasons.

The Council has had in mind and discharged the duty (as set out in section 122(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984) to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) so far as practicable. It has also had regard to the factors which point in favour of imposing a Zebra Pedestrian Crossing. It has balanced the various considerations and concluded that it is appropriate to promote a Zebra Crossing. The Council has also considered and discharged its network management duty under section 16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004. It has concluded that the proposed Zebra Pedestrian Crossing is consistent with that duty, having regard to its other policies and objectives.

5. IMPACT ON EQUALITIES

An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken in relation to the introduction of pedestrian crossing facilities, which is available upon request. The Council has had due regard to the needs set out in section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010. It considers that the proposed Order is consistent with the section 149 public sector equality duty, which it has discharged.

6. IMPACT ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The proposals are considered to have a minimal impact on human rights (such as the right to respect for private and family life and the right to peaceful enjoyment of property). However, the Council is entitled to affect these rights where it is in accordance with the law, necessary (in the interests of public safety or economic well-being, to prevent disorder and crime, to protect health, or to protect the rights and freedoms of others), in pursuit of a legitimate aim and proportionate to do so. The proposal(s) within this report are considered to be in accordance with the law, necessary, in pursuit of a legitimate aim and proportionate.

7. SOURCE OF FINANCE

This proposal is being funded through the 2025/26 active travel scheme (Clapton Road / Redfield Road Pedestrian Scheme).

8. CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT

The proposal requires consultation with the Chief Constable, Emergency Services, Road Haulage Association, Freight Transport Association (Logistics UK), Parking

Services, Waste Services, Ward Members and the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Transport Delivery.

9. **COMMENTS RECEIVED TO DATE**

Chief Constable - Thank you for your email and attachments regarding the proposal to introduce a Zebra Crossing on Paulton Road, Midsomer Norton just north of the junction of Redfield Road, as shown on the attached drawing.

It is understood from the Statement of Reasons that “This new zebra pedestrian crossing is on the proposed Redfield Road / Clapton Road Pedestrian Scheme. This location is currently a key crossing point for pupils at Longvernal Primary School.

The zebra pedestrian crossing will integrate into the existing cycling and walking networks to increase opportunities for active travel which will in the future be improved or upgraded as part of the Redfield Road / Clapton Road Pedestrian Scheme.

A zebra pedestrian crossing would be the most suitable form of pedestrian facility at this location, having due regard for the number of pedestrians, volume of traffic, topography, and character of the road.”

It is noted that the plan attached shows the introduction of waiting restrictions. Enforcement of waiting restrictions within the Bath and North East Somerset Council area rests with Bath and North East Somerset Council Parking Services.

Consideration regarding the potential displacement of existing parking, and the enforcement needs of these restrictions should be of importance.

The proposals should meet the aspirations behind their introduction.

Emergency Services – No comment.

Road Haulage Association – No comment.

Freight Transport Association – No comment.

Parking Services – No comment.

Waste Services – No comment.

Ward Members

Councillor Srah Evans – No comment.

Councillor Tim Warren – No comment.

REPORT APPROVED FOR CIRCULATION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR
SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT DELIVERY.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Callum Bush', written in a cursive style.

Callum Bush
Principal Engineer - Traffic Management

Date: 10th March 2026