

## OFFICER DECISION REPORT – NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

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### PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION (Cabinet Member for Sustainable Transport Delivery)

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Traffic Group

**TITLE OF REPORT:** Marlborough Buildings, Bath

**PROPOSAL:** Zebra Pedestrian Crossing

**SCHEME REF No:** 25-050

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#### 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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| <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 and the Head of Highways Delivery holds the delegated power to make, amend or revoke any Orders.

#### 2. LEGAL AUTHORITY

Pedestrian crossing: 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 zebra pedestrian crossing in Marlborough Buildings, Bath.

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 toucan pedestrian crossings and raised tables, 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 proposal is 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**

The proposal is being funded through the 2025/26 Local Active Travel & Safety programme.

**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 Highways.

**9. COMMENTS RECEIVED TO DATE**

**Emergency Services**

No comments received.

**Chief Constable**

The proposal should meet the aspirations behind its introduction.

**Road Haulage Association**

No comments received.

**Freight Transport Association**

No comments received.

**Parking Services**

No comments received.

**Waste Services**

No comments received.

**Ward Members**

Cllr Paul Roper:

As wars councillor I would like to express strong support for this crossing.

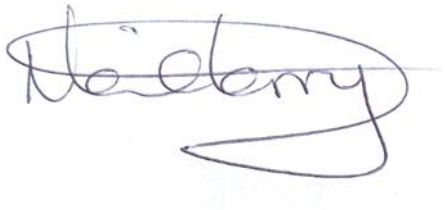
It will enable safer crossing for people wishing to move from the RVP into Royal Avenue. As important as that is the traffic calming effect – drivers are frequently speeding up and down this road – well in excess of the 20mph speed limit.

I hope the crossing will have a calming effect on the “rat runners” who race up and down to avoid any potential oncoming traffic on this effectively single carriage way road from Rivers St.

Cllr George Tomlin:

As one of the local ward councillors for the location of the proposed Zebra Pedestrian crossing, can I record my wholehearted support for this TRO proposal. I look forward to seeing the benefits that it will bring to the local area, improving the safety at a very busy crossing point and hopefully reducing the speed of traffic up/down Marlborough Buildings and Lane making this a safer neighbourhood for all.

REPORT APPROVED FOR CIRCULATION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR  
SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT DELIVERY

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Neil Terry', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Neil Terry  
Traffic Management and Network Manager

Date: 16/09/2025