

OFFICER DECISION REPORT - NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

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PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Traffic Group

TITLE OF REPORT:	Oakley, Claverton Down, Bath – Scholars Way
PROPOSAL:	Signal Controlled Toucan Pedestrian Crossing
SCHEME REF No:	25-009
REPORT AUTHOR:	Gina West

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	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....”
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 their area of responsibility.
Section D	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 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 Signal Controlled Toucan Pedestrian Crossing on Oakley, Claverton Down, Bath just north of the junction of Copseland. A Toucan crossing can be used by pedestrians and cyclists.

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 Signal Controlled Toucan Crossing. It has balanced the various considerations and concluded that it is appropriate to promote a Signal Controlled Toucan 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 Signal Controlled Toucan 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 Scholars Way active travel 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 proposed introduction of the signal controlled Toucan Pedestrian Crossing on Oakley, Claverton Down, Bath just north of the junction of Copseland, as part of the Scholars Way Scheme, shown on the attached drawing set.

It is understood from the Statement of Reasons submitted in 2025 that *“This signal controlled toucan crossing is on the proposed Scholars Way. This location is currently a key crossing point for Bath University students. The Signal Controlled Toucan 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 Scholars Way proposals. A signal controlled toucan 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 give way markings at the north end of Copseland have been amended from the original drawing and that the detail has now been amended and now shows the give way markings located before the imprint paving area of the continuous footway. (as reflected in earlier correspondence)

As in the earlier consultation drawing and response, it is noted that the plan attached shows the legend “Potential Location for Seating, Planters, And Cycle Parking” on the proposed junction redesign near the junction of North Road with Woodland Place/Oakley/Bathwick Hill, please can you assure that visibility of and from the proposed crossing will not be compromised by introduction of seating, cycle parking and planters. Additionally, there is potential for a stationary bus at the proposed bus cage to compromise visibility of and from the proposed crossing, how is this to be addressed?

The proposal should meet the aspirations behind its 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

Bathwick Ward

Councillor Toby Simon - Fine by me.

Councillor Manda Rigby – No comment.

Widcombe & Lyncombe Ward (Neighbouring ward members also consulted due to proximity of the proposal to the ward boundary)

Councillor Alison Born – No comment.

Councillor Stuart Bridge – No comment.

Cabinet Member for Highways:

Councillor Lucy Hodge – Please proceed to public consultation.

10. RECOMMENDATION

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



Callum Bush
Principal Engineer - Traffic Management

Date: 01/04/2026

11. DECISION

As the officer holding the above delegation, I approve the progression of this proposal for a new pedestrian crossing.



Paul Garrod
Head of Highways Delivery

Date: 1st April 2026