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Proposed Pedestrian Crossing / Speed Cushions
Statement of Reasons

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AVON MILL LANE, KEYNSHAM

ZEBRA PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

SPEED CUSHIONS

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Proposal

To introduce a zebra pedestrian crossing on Avon Mill Lane, Keynsham at the entrance to Keynsham Memorial Park.

To introduce two sets of speed cushions, one set either side of the proposed zebra pedestrian crossing.

Reasons

Funding has been secured to install a zebra pedestrian crossing on Avon Mill Lane, Keynsham, as pedestrians are currently experiencing difficulties when crossing Avon Mill Lane to reach Keynsham Memorial Park.

Two sets of speed cushions are also proposed, one set on either side of the zebra pedestrian crossing to reduce vehicle speeds on the approaches to the crossing.

Initial site observations have indicated that 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.

The Council has considered article 8 within Schedule 1 to the Human Rights Act (Right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence) and Protocol 1 Article 1 (Peaceful enjoyment of possessions). Both of these rights are qualified rights, and the Council does not consider that the measures proposed under the TRO amount to a deprivation of possessions as the right to access property has not been extinguished. The proposals are considered to have a minimal impact on human rights. However, the Council is entitled to affect these rights where it is in accordance with the law, necessary (such as

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 proposals within this report are considered to be in accordance with the law, necessary, in pursuit of a legitimate aim and proportionate.

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.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

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.

In making this proposal the Council has discharged its duty under section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

This proposal is made in accordance with The Highways Act 1980 Section 90A which permits a highway authority to both construct and remove road humps in a public road, for which they are the highway authority, if the highway is subject to a legal speed limit for motor vehicles of 30 miles per hour or less or the road humps are specially authorised by the Secretary of State.

The Council is under a duty pursuant to section 122(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) to exercise its duties under the Act (so far as practicable having regard to the subsection (2) matters), to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians).

As for the subsection 122(2) matters:

a) the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises.

Comment: installing a zebra pedestrian crossing in the proposed location would not cause any issues in relation to access to premises. Access to the park would be maintained for maintenance vehicles.

b) the effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run.

Comment: installing a zebra pedestrian crossing and creating a safer place for pedestrians to cross Avon Mill Lane would have a positive impact on access to local amenities.

bb) The strategy prepared under section 80 of the Environment Act 1995 (national air quality strategy)

Comment: the proposed crossing could encourage local residents and students etc. to walk, wheel, and cycle for some journeys, and could reduce vehicle trips.

c) the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles.

Comment: Avon Mill Lane is not a bus route; therefore, no disruption to bus services would be caused.

d) Any other matters appearing to the local authority to be relevant.

Comment: N/A.

Having balanced the various matters and considerations, the Council has concluded that it is appropriate to progress the proposed Order.

The Council has also discharged its duty under section 16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004. It has concluded that the proposed Order is consistent with that duty, given its other policies and objectives.

Neither section 16 nor section 122 of the 1984 Act precludes the making of the proposed Order.

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