

# OFFICER DECISION REPORT – ZEBRA PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

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## APPROVAL TO PUBLICLY ADVERTISE THE NOTICE

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Traffic Group

<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>Crown Road, Weston, Bath</b>
<b>PROPOSAL:</b>	<b>Proposed Zebra Crossing</b>
<b>SCHEME REF No:</b>	<b>24-005</b>
<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Kelly Huggins</b>

### 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 Crown Road, Weston, approximately 39 metres north of its junction with Weston Lane.

The proposed zebra pedestrian crossing is shown in appendix A.

**4. BACKGROUND**

Following requests from Ward Members, a zebra pedestrian crossing facility has been identified as an appropriate option to assist pedestrians wishing to cross Crown Road.

The proposed crossing would provide an improved safety amenity for parents and children who are attending St Marys Primary School and using the Recreational Ground, via Gainsborough Gardens. Pedestrians also cross Crown Road in this location to visit local shops on the High Street.

There is a northbound bus stop on the south side of the proposed crossing location, so the proposed pedestrian facility will assist pedestrians who are using public transport.

In addition to this, the design of the zebra crossing accommodates future aspirations to introduce a parallel cycle crossing at this location, which in turn, will further encourage greater walking and cycling activity for this area.

**5. SOURCE OF FINANCE**

This proposal is being funded through the 2024/25 Transport Improvement Programme.

**6. INFORMAL CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT**

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

**7. INFORMAL CONSULTATION FEEDBACK**

**Chief Constable:**

Thank you for your email and attached Informal Consultation document regarding the proposed zebra crossing on Crown Road, Weston Bath.

As stated on B&NES own website *“Zebras should be located on or as near to the route the pedestrian would naturally follow (the desire line). Installing a crossing away from the desire line could lead to lower use of the facility, increasing the risk of accidents near to, but not on the crossing.”*

<https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/streets-and-highway-maintenance/road-safety/traffic-schemes/zebra-crossings#:~:text=Zebras%20should%20be%20located%20on%20or%20as%20near,accidents%20near%20to%2C%20but%20not%20on%20the%20crossing>.

It is noted that there is an established pedestrian desire line from the location of the existing bus stop, across Crown Road/Weston Lane to the island which is sited in the bellmouth of the junction with High Street and then onward to residential/retail

areas, particularly at peak commuter times.

Please can you advise whether this pedestrian desire line was considered when siting the proposed zebra, as there is concern that pedestrians alighting from the bus may still observe the existing pedestrian desire line despite the introduction of a formal crossing. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/keARTcPxUYV3jc7u9> illustrates the location.

Will existing road markings, including those for waiting restrictions, in the area be refreshed as part of this proposal? Unfortunately, the embedded drawing version is not a clear representation of the original drawing, and the key is out of focus, please could we have sight of a clear version?

It is understood from the drawing that pedestrian guard railing is to be introduced adjacent to the steps leading to Gainsborough Gardens, please can you advise what form the railing will have?

*Officer response;*

*An established desire line from the bus stop location across Crown Road, are acknowledged. I can only reiterate the background information provided within the report concerning this identified location for the proposed crossing facility, in terms of a need to accommodate this established desire line towards St Mary's Primary School and the RUH etc. It is considered that pedestrians using public transport in the area will use the crossing in the proposed location, as they will, most likely, be heading to and from the High Street. However, pedestrians walking down the steps from Greenbank Gardens are unlikely to walk 'out of their way' towards the bus stop to use a facility which directs them towards the adjacent triangular island.*

*All road markings affected within the vicinity of the proposed zebra crossing will be replenished.*

*A standard 1m high with 200mm high clear vision panel at the top and vertical infill bars below, will be supplied.*

**Ward Members:**

**Cllr Malloy** – I'm very pleased to see that the proposals for a zebra pedestrian crossing on Crown Road will be included in the next TRO report, and I'm fully supportive of them.

I've campaigned for a pedestrian crossing here for several years (as have previous Members for Weston), and I'm sure it will be welcomed and used by many residents. The zebra crossing will not only make it safer for pedestrians to cross Crown Road but will also help drivers keep to the maximum speed of 20mph.

I'm happy for the proposals to be progressed to the Public Consultation stage.

**Cllr Treby** – This is fantastic and I'm very pleased to see these proposals. This stretch of road has been difficult to cross for decades, and this will help make it considerably safer. I'm absolutely happy for it to be progressed.

**Cabinet Member for Highways:**

**Cllr Rigby** - I am delighted that we can progress this crossing and it has my full support.

**8. RECOMMENDATION**

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



Paul Garrod  
Traffic Management & Network Manager

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**9. DECISION**

As the officer holding the above delegation, I approve the progression of this Notice.

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: 20/02/24

**APPENDIX A – Proposed General Arrangement**

