

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 7 SEPTEMBER

PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING AND TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES B4017 ABINGDON ROAD DRAYTON

Report by Director for Infrastructure Delivery

Introduction

1. This report presents responses received in the course of a statutory consultation to provide a new zebra crossing and traffic calming measures on the B4017 Abingdon Road at Drayton.

Background

2. The above measures are proposed in conjunction with a new residential development on the east side of the B4017 Abingdon Road at Drayton and are shown at Annex 1.

Consultation

3. Formal consultation on the proposal was carried out between 19 July and 18 August. A public notice was placed in the Abingdon Herald newspaper, and sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Drayton Parish Council and the local County Councillor. Additionally letters were sent to approximately 30 nearby properties.
4. Five responses were received as summarised at Annex 2. Full responses are available for inspection in the Members' Resource Centre.
5. Thames Valley Police expressed no objection to the proposals but did comment that traffic speeds needed to be acceptable for a zebra crossing, and also that some cutting back of vegetation was needed to ensure adequate visibility.
6. The Vale of the White Horse District Council expressed no objection to the proposals.
7. Drayton Parish Council also expressed no objection to the proposed crossing and junction table, recognising the constraints on the siting of the new junction giving access to the development and the crossing but did note wider concerns over safety in the village, and the need for measures to address these.

8. One member of the public objected strongly to the siting of both the new junction and zebra crossing on the grounds of road safety but did not cite the specific aspects of the design which were of concern.
9. One member of the public responded with no objections to the proposals, but requested that speed cameras be installed, as it was considered these are the only effective means of addressing problems with speeding.

Review of responses

10. The response of the police is noted; the proposed raised junction table should help ensure that speeds are moderated sufficiently for the zebra crossing to operate safely and the trimming back of vegetation needed to ensure adequate visibility of the crossing will be investigated, noting that a safety audit on the completion of schemes is always required to ensure that such problems are properly addressed.
11. The responses of the Vale of the White Horse District Council and Drayton Parish Council are noted. The wider concerns over safety raised by the parish council have been referred to the relevant officers within Oxfordshire County Council.
12. The objection of the member of the public to the design and siting of the new junction and zebra crossing are noted but as no specific grounds for their concerns over road safety have been provided it is not possible to provide a detailed response, but the independent safety audit process referred to above also applies to the design stages of traffic schemes.
13. The suggestion from a member of the public that speed cameras are installed in preference to measures such as raised junction tables is noted but installation of speed cameras is primarily a police matter and they would typically ask that physical traffic calming measures – such as those being proposed here – are provided where this is viable, before giving further consideration to such requests.

How the Project supports LTP4 Objectives

14. The proposals would help facilitate the safe movement of traffic.

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

15. Funding for proposals has been provided by the developer of land adjacent to the B4017 Abingdon Road.

RECOMMENDATION

16. **The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposals as advertised.**

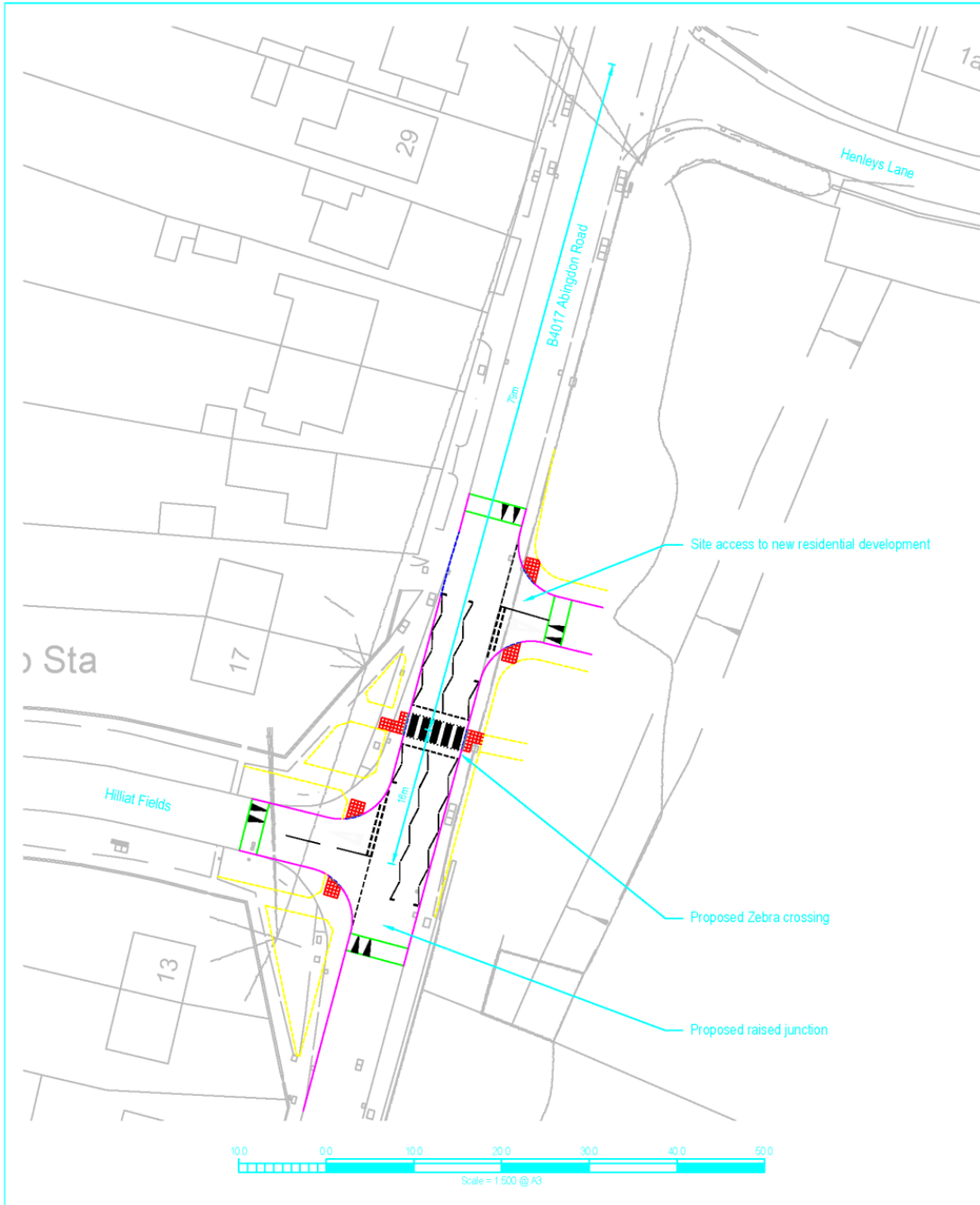
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Background papers: Plan of proposed restrictions
 Consultation responses

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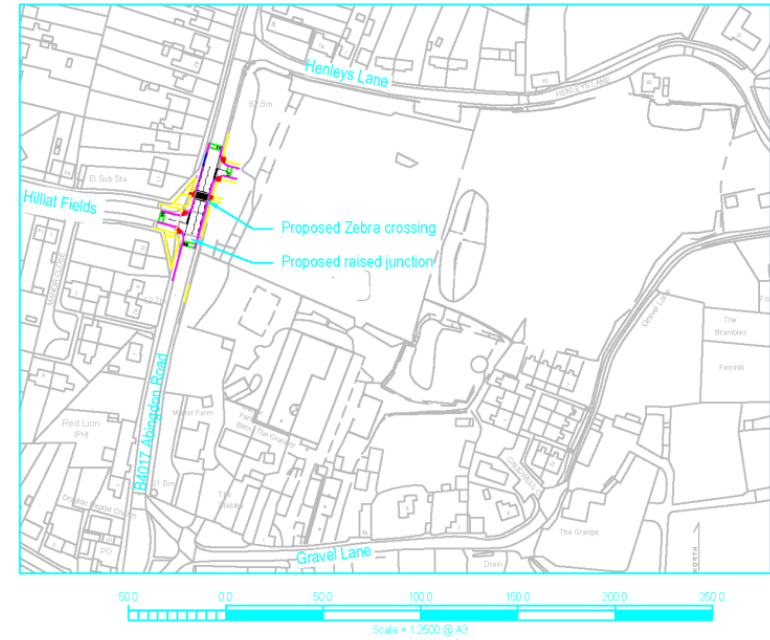
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2. Dimensions not to be scaled.

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Abingdon Road, Drayton

PROPOSED RAISED JUNCTION AND ZEBRA CROSSING
CONSULTATION PLAN

Scale	As Shown @ A3
Date	June 2017

RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
Thames Valley Police	No objection - Please ensure the crossing meets necessary current legislation in terms of design and that speed monitoring has already taken place .Current speeds support this design. Considerable vegetation overhanging the footway on the east side needs removing.
Vale of White Horse District Council	No objection - satisfied for Oxfordshire County Council's Traffic Regulation Team to determine the application.
Drayton Parish Council	No objection – while recognising that not everyone on the Parish Council shares the same views either about the site access or the Manor Farm development as a whole, we agree with the proposed crossing location and also approve the flat top road hump and ramps, which we have always favoured. However, the parish remains very concerned about safety issues and the above observations should be viewed alongside previous submissions on this matter.
Local Resident	Object - Both the design of the junction and siting of the proposed zebra crossing is a total disaster and a more unsafe junction it would be difficult to design. If this scheme is approved it will confirm to many that local planning is based on profit for developers rather than any consideration of what is safe and acceptable to the community, the NDP process saw much time effort and money spent on traffic schemes, all of which were intended to improve road safety, but in the main seem to have been made unattainable by the financial demands of OCC. To allow this horrendous junction to be constructed should cause us all to question the credentials and ability of all of those concerned in the delivery of local planning at local government level.
Local Resident, (Manor Close, Drayton)	<u>Zebra Crossing</u> – Neither - If the council are proposing traffic calming measures to protect residents, then it would be a good idea if a speed camera is located in Drayton village. The speed warning sign doesn't work. Every day drivers speed through Drayton like it doesn't have a speed limit. Having the police occasionally parked in between Drayton and Steventon doesn't work for the time when its not around. This situation needs to change before someone is hurt. <u>Traffic Calming</u> – Neither - A flat top hump will not work. I've lived on a road where there was one in London and it does nothing to stop speeding. Speed humps are not the answer, there is only one answer and that is a speed camera. Please stop cutting corners and put some proper traffic calming measures in.

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