

Divisions affected: *Abingdon North*

**CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT
07 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**ABINGDON: NORTHCOURT ROAD – PROPOSED ZEBRA
CROSSING**

Report by Corporate Director, Environment and Place

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Cabinet Member for Highway Management is RECOMMENDED to approve as advertised a zebra crossing at Northcourt Road Abingdon

Executive summary

2. This report presents responses to a consultation on a proposal to introduce a zebra crossing as shown in **Annex 1**.

Financial Implications

3. Funding for the proposals, including consultation will be met from Section 106 funds and the County Councils 'Accessibility and Road Safety' fund.

Equality and Inclusion Implications

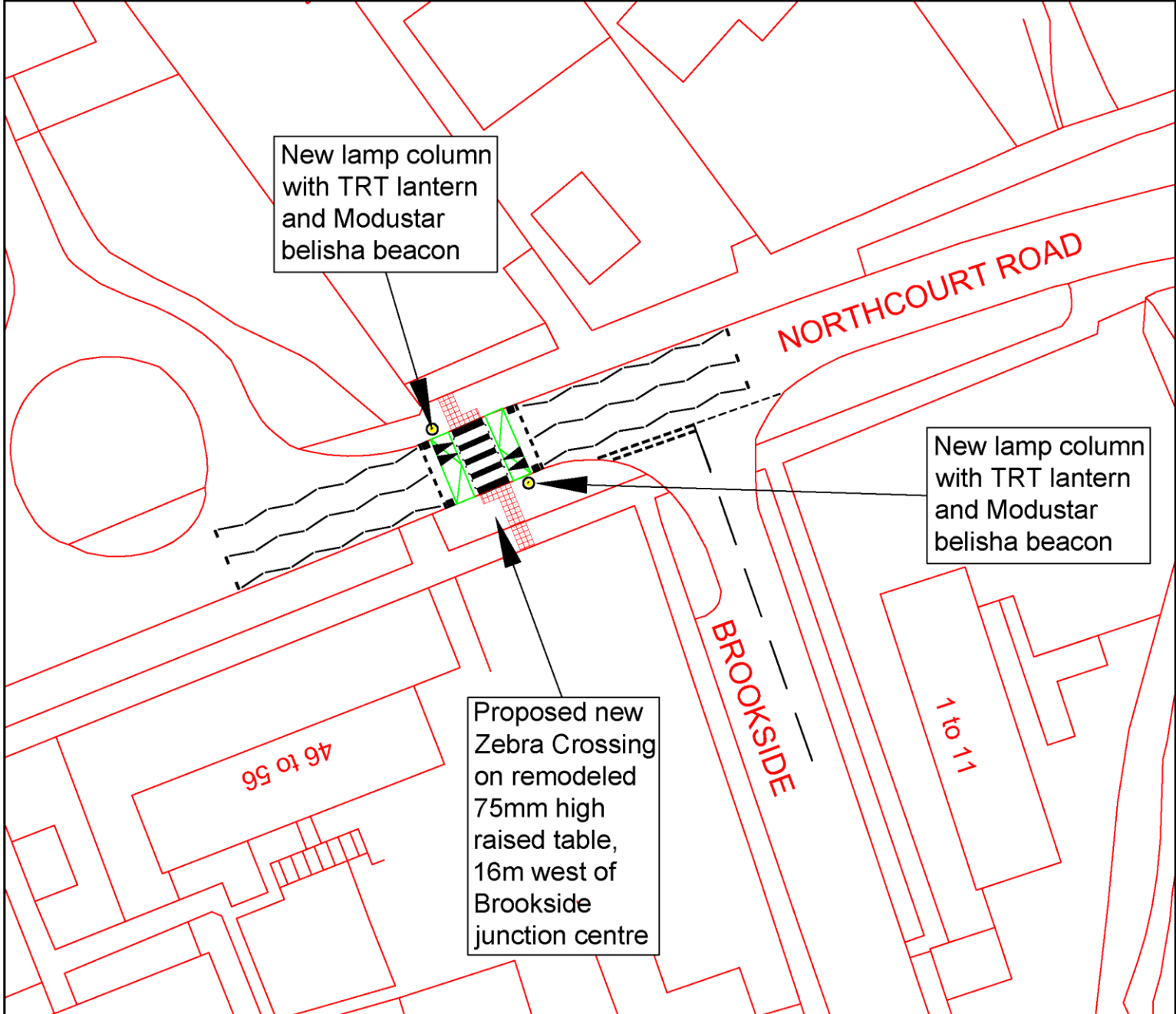
4. No implications in respect of equalities or inclusion have been identified in respect of the proposals.

Sustainability Implications

5. The proposals would help facilitate walking and improve road safety in the vicinity.

Formal consultation

6. Formal consultation was carried out between 24 May and 23 June 2023. A notice was published in the Oxfordshire Herald Series newspaper, and an email was sent to consultees & key-stakeholders, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Bus operators,



New lamp column with TRT lantern and Modustar belisha beacon

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Proposed new Zebra Crossing on remodeled 75mm high raised table, 16m west of Brookside junction centre

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ANNEX 2

RESPONDENT	COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	No objection
(2) Local County Cllr, (Abingdon North division)	Support – This will make journeys safer for the hundreds of pupils who use the route (on bike and foot) to get to and from school every day. It's a total no-brainer
(3) Local group/organisation, (OXTRAG)	Support – That sounds really helpful
(4) Dunmore Primary School (Abingdon, Northcourt Road)	Support - I completely support this proposal. It is vital that there is safer crossing across Northcourt Road for our pupils.
(5) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Beech Lane)	Object - It will not aid the traffic flow along this road or aid the school. Crossing person would be so much better It's an odd choice where there are no reported accidents to put one in
(6) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Beech lane)	Object - The flow of traffic on northcourt is bad enough, this would at times put a total holt to any movement along the road, esp with traffic lights at either end. Would a crossing person at Dunmore not be better? As the secondary school next door has. Limiting the constant stream of people which would be the effect of a crossing. Where is the alternative route people will take to avoid it? Have smaller link roads been thought about?
(7) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Shelley Close)	Object - We already have plenty speed bumps on the road, and cars do tend to slow down. The issue isn't the Ebra crossing but the ver narrow pavement in some places.

<p>(8) Member of public, (Abingdon, Northcourt)</p>	<p>Concerns - Every time I have collected grandchildren from school I have witnessed near misses with vehicles nearly hitting children trying to cross the road all the way along the road. Cars have no idea when a child will attempt to cross.</p>
<p>(9) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Peachcroft Road)</p>	<p>Concerns - There is , at present no area that children attending the 2 schools in Northcourt Road, can safely cross the road to and from school. The road is particularly busy in the morning at the time children are going to school. I have seen traffic going in one direction stop when they see children trying to cross, but traffic going in the other direction, do not stop.</p>
<p>(10) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Buscot Drive)</p>	<p>Concerns - People safety</p>
<p>(11) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Northcourt Lane)</p>	<p>Concerns - Fully support a crossing but think the implications of placing this close to the parking bay outside Northcourt Rd need to be considered. Cars do not parallel park in this bay and regularly stick out either onto Northcourt Rd or cover the pavement. Potentially cars parked there (if parallel parking is not introduced) may affect visibility in the run up to the crossing.</p>
<p>(12) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Northcourt Road)</p>	<p>Concerns - This is right next to a busy junction and also carpark which will cause the already road to become more congested and traffic to be sat outside residential properties</p>
<p>(13) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Parsons Mead)</p>	<p>Concerns - Cars can go quite fast and it will be safer for children to cross</p>
<p>(14) Member of public, (Southmoor , Hawksbeard Way)</p>	<p>Concerns - It needs to be addressed</p>
<p>(15) Member of public, (Abingdon, Ferny Close)</p>	<p>Support - Support the proposal as I have to walk my children to primary school every day across this road.</p>

(16) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Bourlon Wood)	Support - Areas where people need to cross roads (especially close to schools) should have suitable provisions, and they also acts as a regulator of traffic speed which is always a good thing..
(17) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Bowyer Road)	Support - Always thought this should be a zebra crossing, years ago there was a lolly pop lady there
(18) Member of public, (Abingdon, Buscot Drive)	Support - I walk this way to work ,I think it's a brilliant idea,maybe put one outside Fitzharris aswell Just my opinion
(19) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Cemetery Road)	Support - Many parents and kids cross here, it is a busy road and has desperately needed a crossing here for a LONG LONG time. I used to be the lollipop lady here so know how busy the road is and how many cross. A car traveling one way may stop but that does NOT mean that the cars going the other way will. A crossing (or new lollipop person) is desperately needed.
(20) Local or County Cllr, (Abingdon, Cherwell Close)	Support - I believe that pedestrian safety is far more important than motorists' convenience.
(21) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Darrell Way)	Support - To make it safer for pedestrians to cross and to slow vehicles
(22) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Evelin Road)	Support - I use this road daily with three children and rely on good wishes of motorists to enable 3 children on bikes to cross over safely!
(23) Member of public, (Abingdon, Evelin Road)	Support - In a grandparent who regularly collected a child from school. A crossing would make it so much safer crossing Northcourt.
(24) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Farm Road)	Support - Safer crossing for children/parents at Dunmore School
(25) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Fieldside)	Support - A zebra crossing was added on spring road for the schools down there. Northcourt road has a nursery, 2 schools a college and a church and no safe crossing points, it should also be 20mph

(26) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Foster Road)	Support - I have a child who uses Northcourt Road to get to school and this will help them use the road more safely
(27) Parent of pupil, (Abingdon, Geoffrey Barbour Road)	Support - To make the road safer for crossing when walking the children to/from Dunmore School.
(28) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Gibson Close)	Support - Makes it safer for pupils attending Dunmore and Fitzharrys schools to cross the road and walk to school, reducing unnecessary car journeys
(29) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Hendred Way)	Support - Safety! With school and local pedestrians using this road, a safer place to cross the road can only be a good thing. Thank you!
(30) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Knollys Close)	Support - I fully support providing a pedestrian crossing at this point, and see why a zebra has been chosen. In an ideal world, it would be a traffic light controlled crossing because zebra crossings are problematic for visually impaired people.
(31) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Lenthall Road)	Support - To be able to cross safely on a busy road
(32) Member of public, (Abingdon, Lumberd Road)	Support - Lots of children are crossing the road in the morning and afternoon and it is not safe without the crossing
(33) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Mattock Way)	Support - Well needed and long overdue, the road is a death trap for children attending all of the surrounding schools.
(34) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Northcourt Road)	Support - It should help pedestrian safety. The proximity of Dunmore school means a Zebra crossing is warranted.
(35) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Oxford Road)	Support - High numbers of children, adults and particularly teenagers crossing this busy road, not just at school time.

(36) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Parsons Mead)	Support - To help children cross safely to and from school. Elderly when going shopping. Or any other residents
(37) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Picklers Hill)	Support - It will aid the safer crossing of all of the children who travel along this road to school
(38) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Sellwood Road)	Support - Needed to Increase safety for children
(39) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Sellwood Road)	Support - To make road crossing safer in this busy location near the school. I live very nearby and often need to cross with my young children. People sometimes kindly stop at the road humps to allow us to cross, but unfortunately this can be really dangerous because cars behind sometimes don't realise why someone has stopped and try to overtake. We had a very frightening 'near miss' when someone (presumably in frustration) accelerated very fast to overtake a car that had stopped for me to cross with two toddlers on bikes and nearly hit us in the middle of the road. Some children cross this road twice a day to get to the school and a zebra crossing absolutely makes sense to make this safer.
(40) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Sellwood Road)	Support - Many children and parents cross Northcourt Road and use the speed humps and zebra crossings - this is not safe. A proper zebra crossing would help and avoid the accident which is waiting to happen.
(41) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Sellwood Road)	Support - At peak times there are so many vehicles on Northcourt Road in both directions it can be difficult to cross so anything that helps pedestrians (who are now top of the pyramid as per Highway Code) is a very good thing.
(42) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Sellwood Road)	Support - Safe crossing for schools are really needed along that road.
(43) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Sellwood Road)	Support - It gets very confusing at school drop off and pick up with people crossing in all sorts of places. It becomes dangerous for everyone concerned. This would be a sensible place. I wish it was a pelican, but this is better than nothing I suppose.

<p>(44) Local Resident, (Abingdon, South Avenue)</p>	<p>Support - This is a very busy road with two schools and a large college all affectively next to each other. With a housing estate on the opposite side of the Northcourt Rd to the Schools and College. Parents and very young children have to cross at this point from the housing estate to enter Dunmore Primary School and there is not a single zebra crossing on the whole of Northcourt Rd where they can safely cross at present. Placing the raised Zebra crossing point oppsite the Primary School then gives the parents and very young children a safe place to cross.</p>
<p>(45) Local Resident, (Abingdon, South Avenue)</p>	<p>Support - It is outside a primary school. Many children cross there. Lots of cars do already stop there for children to cross, but not all. It is an accident waiting to happen. It is a very busy road with two school and a college there.</p>
<p>(46) Parent of pupil, (Abingdon, The Hyde)</p>	<p>Support - I have to cross the road daily, and feel that is unsafe.</p>
<p>(47) Member of public, (Abingdon, Alexander Close)</p>	<p>Support - Traffic calming is good for all local residents and other members of the public</p>
<p>(48) Member of public, (Abingdon, Andersey Way)</p>	<p>Support - To keep school children safer</p>
<p>(49) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Appleford Drive)</p>	<p>Support - Anything that reduces traffic or traffic speed on Northcourt is excellent. This should not be a rat run but should have a barrier by the community centre so residents can access homes from whichever end is accessible. Failing that a zebra crossing helps crossing but not travel on foot or bike.</p>
<p>(50) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Ashenden Close)</p>	<p>Support - It is a dangerous road with several schools and no dedicated crossing. Minor accidents happen on a regular basis. This is a much needed crossing</p>

<p>(51) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Austin Place)</p>	<p>Support - My child attends Dunmore school, and Northcourt Road can get very busy during pick ups and drop offs, so a zebra crossing would make it safer for children crossing at that time</p>
<p>(52) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Ballard Chase)</p>	<p>Support - My children both go to Dunmore school and we have to cross this road. It is very busy and can be dangerous.</p>
<p>(53) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Berry Croft)</p>	<p>Support - Many of us cross Northcourt Road with our children (I'm a parent of children at Dunmore School) - this would make it safer and easier. I also cross with my children at the Wootton Road end too and would love another safer crossing of some kind there too. We walk to school on the south side of Northcourt Road to get that much further away from the dangers of narrow pavement + children, and also to avoid pollution which is significantly reduced by distancing yourself even a few metres from traffic. Steps to reduce cars and improve cycling possibilities would also be appreciated.</p>
<p>(54) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Borough Walk)</p>	<p>Support - I have been taking my children there for many years and there is no safe point to cross. I have witnessed so many near misses with both cars and bikes nearly hitting children. Also as I live close by I have also had children try to cross in front of me whilst I was driving at the wrong time</p>
<p>(55) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Brookside)</p>	<p>Support - I live in Brookside and it will give me peace of mind that me and my children can cross that road to school safely.</p>
<p>(56) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Brookside)</p>	<p>Support - This is a busy road especially at school drop off/pick up times. The cars and bikes don't let people cross safely and it causes clashes with the secondary school children. Who push past the younger children causing them to get pushed on road. This crossing is desperately needed!</p>
<p>(57) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Crosslands Drive)</p>	<p>Support - There is a primary school, secondary school, college and SEN provision along this road, as well as shops and church. This crossing would support the safety needs of all age groups within the local community</p>

(58) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Curtis Avenue)	Support - Essential for safe crossing for school children and parents
(59) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Eason Drive)	Support - There are 2 schools and a college along this road, to have no pedestrian crossing to serve the primary school is putting children at risk. It would also help to reduce the speed along here further which can only be a good thing. I would feel happier knowing this is here, especially having already had one child knocked off their bike cycling along here.
(60) Local Resident, (Abingdon , Evelin Road)	Support - Absolutely needed for safe crossing especially with all the schools traffic.
(61) Local Cllr, (Abingdon, Evenlode Park)	Support - Improve pedestrian safety along a heavily used road by pedestrians and ambulant schoolchildren
(62) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Heathcote Place)	Support - Children crossing for school. Safety.
(63) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Larkhill Place)	Support - About time! Long over due! Should be one outside every school
(64) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Longmead)	Support - My children go to school on Northcourt Road and myself and kids have to cross the road every morning and afternoon and we have had a few near-misses as the road gets very busy and drives still speed down that road
(65) Member of public, (Abingdon, Northcourt Road)	Support - I support young people with special needs. Any safe places to cross have to benefit them
(66) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Northcourt Road)	Support - Lots of children have to cross this road. It will make it safer

(67) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Northcourt Road)	Support - This is a far more sensible idea than the previously proposed Pelican Crossing and I support this proposal.
(68) Parent of pupil, (Abingdon, Ock Street)	Support - My children are at school at Dunmore and I want them to be safe.
(69) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Oxford Road)	Support - There are two schools and a college on the road so a vital need for a safe crossing.
(70) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Penn Close)	Support - Safer for school children
(71) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Pudsey Close)	Support - Safe crossings are vital, we need more of them
(72) Parent of pupil, (Abingdon, Saxton Road)	Support - Safer for the children, however concerned around the knock on effect of the already poor traffic
(73) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Sellwood Road)	Support - Needed for safety of all the school children using this road. Also will help to slow traffic.
(74) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Sellwood Road)	Support - As a local resident of Sellwood Road and a parent of two children who go to Dunmore, I am in support of anything that makes crossing the road safer for parents and children in particular but also for anyone who needs to cross. Northcourt Road is very busy during the school start and end times and crossing can be tricky, especially with larger lorries making deliveries and additional traffic using the route to avoid congestion on the outer routes.
(75) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Sellwood Road)	Support - I am a local resident with young children. We have struggled to cross this road at times. We would welcome a safer environment

(76) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Sellwood Road)	Support - It's needed and many people assume it a safe crossing point as the road is raised there.
(77) Local Resident, (Abingdon, South Avenue)	Support - My children walk to John Mason school and would benefit from this crossing to ensure they are safe amongst the traffic
(78) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Springfield Drive)	Support - Safer
(79) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Thornhill Walk)	Support - We need zebra crossing to make it more safer for children to cross as northcourt get really busy with primary school secondary school and college
(80) Local Resident, (Abingdon, Darrell Way)	Support - I support the proposed crossing because it will improve safety for pedestrians, particularly for school children and the parents escorting them.
(81) Member of public, (Boars Hill, Old boars Hill)	Support - I take my children to secondary school and my partner to work on this road and it's very dangerous. Also think it should be a 20 mph mainly during school times
(82) Member of public, (Frampton Road)	Support - I used to live on Northcourt Road and went to both schools there. My brother now takes my nephews to school at Dunmore. It's a busy road and children and parents would benefit from an easier crossing which highlights their need to cross to motorists.
(83) Local Resident, (Northcourt, Sellwood Road)	Support - It's a busy place outside Dunmore School and I would like a safe place for my children to cross the road
(84) Member of public, (Shippon, Avon Road)	Support - Zebra crossing will support parents and young children to cross the road safely. My son is due to start Dunmore Primary in September and since visiting recently I found it very hard to try and cross the road safely as some drivers don't like to allow pedestrians to cross safely.

