

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 23 NOVEMBER 2017**

### **PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING – A422 WARWICK ROAD BANBURY**

#### **Report by Director for Infrastructure Delivery**

#### **Introduction**

1. This report presents responses received in the course of a statutory consultation on a proposal to install a zebra crossing on the A422 Warwick Road at Banbury approximately 90 metres south east of its junction with Ferndale Road.

#### **Background**

2. Warwick Road is a key radial route into Banbury, carrying over 10,000 vehicles in an average 12 hour period. This causes problems for residents trying to cross the road, including school children. The need for a pedestrian crossing was included in our National Productivity Investment Fund and was accepted as a suitable scheme for the 2017/18 allocation. A plan showing the location of the proposal is shown at Annex 1.

#### **Consultation**

3. Formal consultation on the proposal was carried out between 14 September and 13 October 2017. A public notice was placed in the Banbury Guardian newspaper and sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Banbury Town Council and the local County Councillor. Additionally letters were sent to approximately 56 nearby properties.
4. Seven responses were received as summarised at Annex 2. Copies of the full responses are available for inspection by County Councillors.
5. Responses comprised 2 objections, 1 in support, 2 neither supporting nor objecting and 1 non-objection from Thames Valley Police.

#### **Responses to objections**

6. The three objections raised general concerns on the location of the proposed crossing and its impact on the adjacent properties.
7. The general location was decided following discussion with County Councillor Cherry, who felt this area would best suit local needs. The exact location was

dictated by local site conditions, it needed to be far enough away from a bend in the road to be safe and to fit in with the many accesses onto Warwick Road.

8. Mitigation of the impact on the adjacent properties will be carried out as much as possible, for example by providing a cowl for the Belisha beacons. There is a wide highway verge between the crossing and the properties, so it is felt there will be minimal, if any, disruption to the properties.
9. Access to the properties adjacent to the crossings will not be hindered by the implementation of the zebra, nor will the zig zags prevent access. However, the zig zags will prevent carriageway parking. Changes to existing parking arrangements will be minimal.
10. The strong objection from the resident adjacent to the proposed crossing is noted. However, it is not considered that the crossing will in any way adversely affect access to this property. The concerns over the noise and other disturbance caused by the crossing are also noted but such crossings are routinely provided in built up areas directly adjacent to residential properties without causing such difficulties.

### **How the Project supports LTP4 Objectives**

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

### **Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)**

12. Funding for the installation of the zebra crossing has been provided by Oxfordshire County Council's 2017/18 allocation for National Productivity Investment Funding, whilst the appraisal of the proposals and consultation has been undertaken by council officers as part of their normal duties.


### **RECOMMENDATION**

13. **The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve proposals to install a zebra crossing on the A422 Warwick Road at Banbury approximately 90 metres south east of its junction with Ferndale Road as advertised.**

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Background papers:           Plan of proposed zebra crossing  
  Consultation responses

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 Approximate location of centre of proposed crossing

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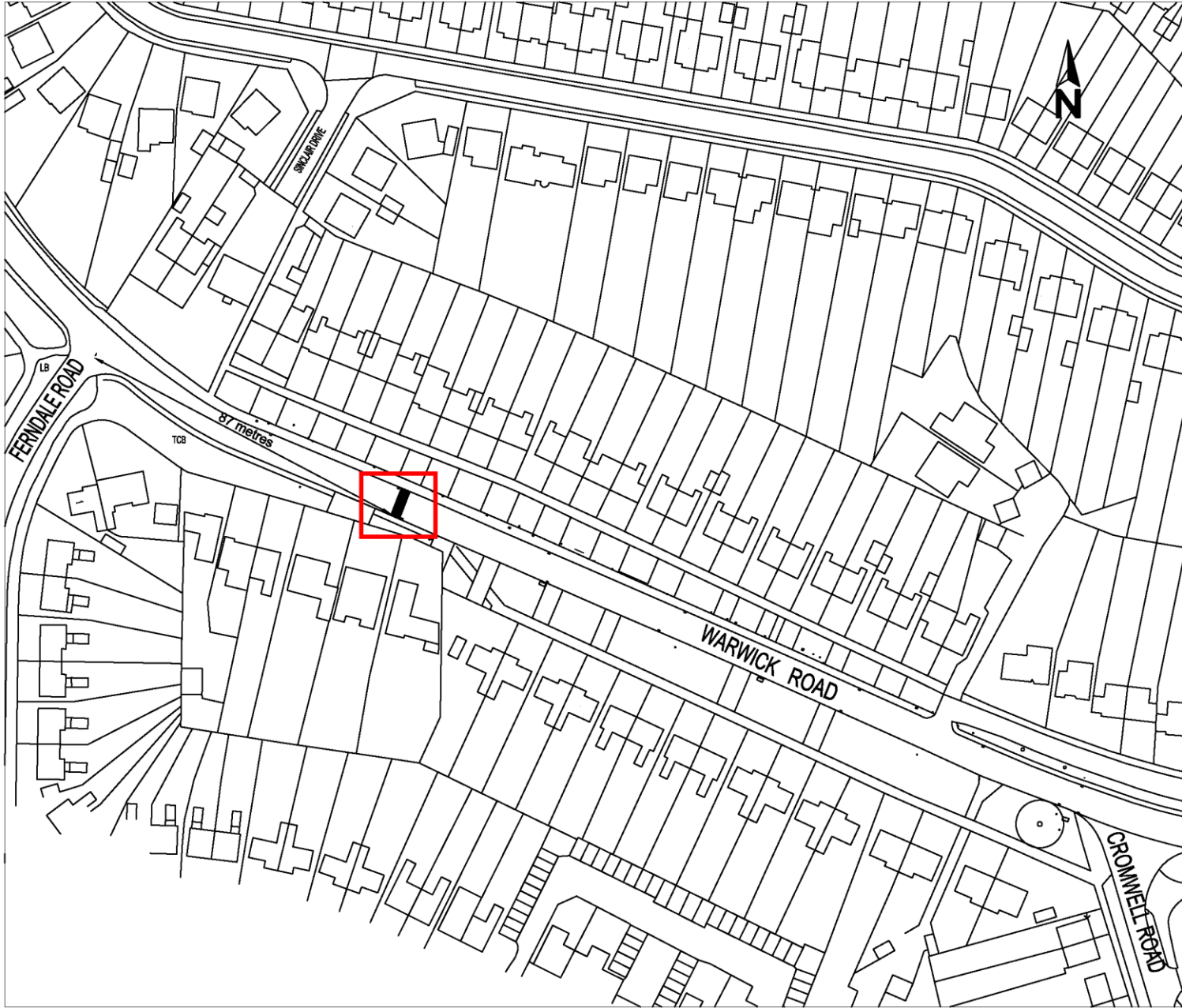
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RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Thames Valley Police (Traffic Management Unit)	<b>No objection</b> - the site lines are good and that the pedestrian desire line is reasonably established. The area is street lit in the 30mph limit with high traffic volumes at most times of the day. The facility should benefit road safety and Thames Valley Police have no objection or further comment to the proposal.
(2) County Cllr, (Banbury Ruscote)	<b>Support</b> - Given the catchment area of Banbury Ruscote i personally will leave this in highways officers hands and the due process next of the banbury town council traffic advisory committee them a final decision of cabinet .  As local member will still be backing the zebra crossing as sited on Warwick road through the public consultation.
(3) Local Resident, (Warwick Road, Banbury)	<b>Neither</b> - The zebra crossing is going to be too far down the road from what most people use and that is the walkway from the Warwick road and Sinclair avenue where most people take their kids to the primary school and the older kids go through to go to Drayton school. As I live opposite Ferndale road I see most of the Daily goings on. People and mainly the older kids will not walk down to the crossing but cross but do as they do now and cross at Ferndale.
(4) Local Resident, (Warwick Road, Banbury)	<b>Object</b> - As a parent who crossed the road for many years taking children to school using the alleyway on the other side of the road, We feel not many will walk down the road 50m to use the crossing, and feel it would be a waste of money on the positioning of the crossing. if you came and watched most come up the alley and cross the road straight opposite to get to the other side. Most people who now live on the street have grown up children.  Maybe another position would be better, opposite Poweys where the bollards are already in the road.  We can see also it making it harder for us and visitors to get in and out of our drive.  As we have a downstairs bedroom at the front of the house we are worried the orange light flashing in the evening will be visible into our bedroom and disturb our evenings.

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<p>(5) Local Resident, (Warwick Road, Banbury)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> - We think it is too close to the corner. Cars come round the corner really fast and only slow down at the speed camera, so there is a real risk of someone being knocked down on the crossing. Also most people cross over between Ferndale Road and the path through to Sinclair Avenue. We feel that no one would walk down to use the crossing. Another problem would be accessing our drive as it would be on the zig-zags.</p>
<p>(6) Email Response, (unknown)</p>	<p><b>Neither</b> - I agree that we should have a crossing on the Warwick Road but the position you are suggesting will be a waste of money and time. 95% of people cross close to Ferndale Road to get to the Sinclair Avenue alley. I can't see them walking 90 metres down the Warwick Road to come back up again.</p>
<p>(7) Local Resident, (Warwick Road, Banbury)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> –The proposed crossing would be directly outside of my property; the access to the house would be severely restricted - including for disabled family members - and possibly more dangerous as we currently have 3 vehicles in use, including a van which is parked outside our property (for work/commuting purposes not just for leisure) so this crossing would block the easy access to the property and also potentially restrict the parking area. Also expressed strong concerns about the noise and other disturbance due to pedestrians using the crossing, especially in the evening, noting other personal factors and also they have an excitable dog who would be upset by the presence of pedestrians crossing and the operation of the zebra crossing lights. The crossing would also reduce the value of the property.</p>