

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 12 SEPTEMBER 2019**

### **HENLEY-ON-THAMES, GREYS ROAD: PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING**

**Report by Director for Infrastructure Delivery, Communities**

#### **Recommendation**

1. The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed introduction of a zebra crossing on Greys Road, Henley as advertised.

#### **Executive summary**

2. Provision of pedestrian and cycle crossings is reviewed when there are changes to the road layout because of development, when requested by local councils because of road safety concerns and as part of the on-going monitoring of reports on road accidents. Specific proposals are assessed applying national regulations and guidance on the provision of pedestrian crossings, and the Oxfordshire County Council Walking Design Standards and Cycling Design Standards.

#### **Introduction**

3. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation on a proposal to introduce a zebra crossing on Greys Road between its junctions with Greys Hill and The Close.

#### **Background**

4. The above proposal as shown at Annex 1 has been put forward to address concerns raised over the safety of pedestrians crossing Greys Road between the pram walk on the Gainsborough Estate, The Close, Greys Hill (leading to Sacred Heart School) and the shop.

#### **Consultation**

5. Formal consultation on the proposal was carried out between 21 June and 19 July 2019. Notices were placed in the Henley Standard newspaper and near the proposed crossing. An email was sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, the South Oxfordshire District Council, Henley Town Council and the local County Councillor. Public. Notices were also placed on site and letters sent to approximately 35 properties in the immediate vicinity of the proposal.

6. 138 responses were received. 5 (4%) objecting, 4 (3%) neither supporting nor objecting and 129 (93%) in support. The responses are recorded at Annex 2 with copies of the full responses available for inspection by County Councillors.

### **Response to objections and other comments**

7. Thames Valley Police did not object to the proposal. The Local Member for Henley, Henley Town Council, and Sacred Heart Primary School all fully support the proposal. Expressions of support were also received from 126 members of the public and groups/organisations.
8. Five objections were received from members of the public, all residents of Henley and on the grounds of children that currently risk crossing Greys Road between Greys Hill and the steps to the recreation ground will not detour to use the crossing; the chosen location will make the already busy street scene more complicated, it does not service the needs of children who use the skatepark or school children whose parents park at the Scout hut and will be detrimental to local businesses. The Plan did not consider visibility implications of parked cars on Greys Road north of Greys Hill or the two Bus Stops that within the zig-zags. Cars stopped at the crossing will block access to/from The Close and slowing traffic down to allow pedestrians to cross the road will increase pollution levels.
9. Concerns were also raised by a Henley town councillor who believes that the chosen location for the crossing is not in its optimum place and should be relocated south of The Close.
10. A 12 hour 7am to 7pm pedestrian survey was carried out at the site of the proposed zebra crossing (which includes up to 50m either side) on 27 February 2019 which indicated that the road was crossed 356 times during that period. An assumption was made that pedestrians crossing within 50m of a proposed crossing site were likely to change their route to use the safer facility and this would include children currently crossing at Greys Hill. Henley Town Council will be asked to consider permanently closing off the steps to the recreation ground and to provide an alternative access near the crossing or near the Pram Walk.
11. Pedestrian crossings are commonplace in the urban environment and any increase in pollution is negligible. The proposed location will service the needs of children visiting the skatepark from the west of Henley, Greys Hill and The Close. The Scout hut is approximately 190m north of the crossing and there is no intention to service the need of pedestrians who have parked at this location. Whilst the proposals will introduce zig-zag lines in front of the adjacent shop, there are already double yellow lines at this location that restrict parking. The proximity of the zebra crossing to the shop may have a positive effect on pedestrian custom.
12. As demonstrated by the pedestrian survey the chosen location for the zebra crossing is on the pedestrian 'desire line' between the pram walk on the

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Gainsborough Estate, The Close, Greys Hill (leading to Sacred Heart School) and the shop. If located south of The Close the crossing is less likely to be used. Intervisibility between pedestrians and approaching vehicles will be double checked and high friction surfacing will be laid on both approaches to the crossing as part of the scheme. There is only one Bus Stop which is on the west side of Greys Road and bus stops beyond the south end of the zig-zag lines. It is anticipated that any inconvenience to vehicles turning into or out of The Close because of the nearby crossing will be minimal.

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

13. The proposals would help facilitate the safe movement of pedestrians.

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

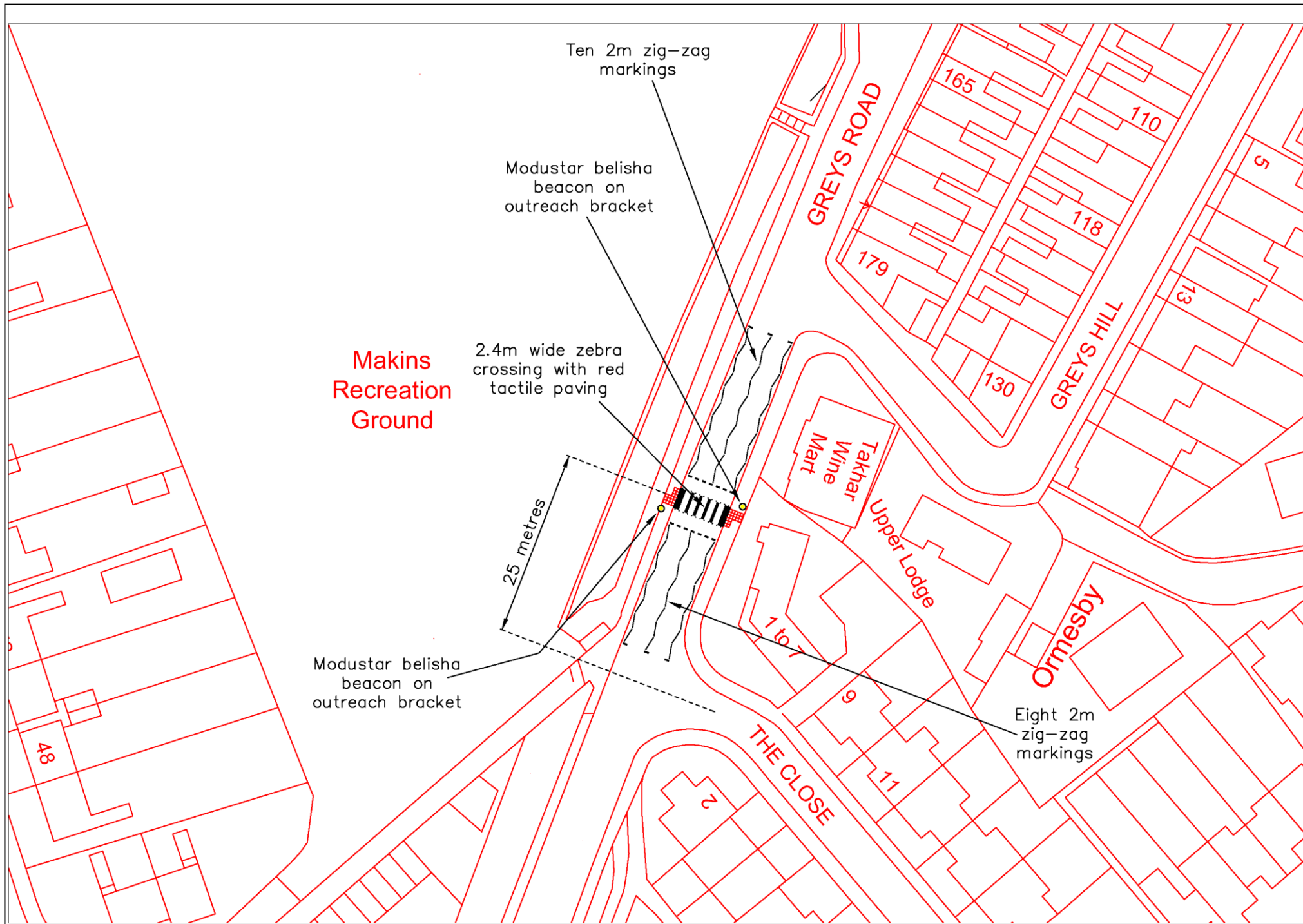
14. Funding for the proposed measures will be provided by Henley Town Council.

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Background papers:            Plan of proposed zebra crossing  
   Consultation responses

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Ten 2m zig-zag markings

Modustar belisha beacon on outreach bracket

**Makins Recreation Ground**

2.4m wide zebra crossing with red tactile paving

25 metres

Modustar belisha beacon on outreach bracket

Eight 2m zig-zag markings

GREYS ROAD

GREYS HILL

THE CLOSE

Ormesby

Takhar Wine Mart

Upper Lodge

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RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	<b>No objection</b>
(2) Local County Councillor, (Henley-on-Thames Division)	<p><b>Support</b> – This crossing is much needed, and it will be the first crossing to be implemented in Henley for many years. Pedestrian crossings are important because Towns should begin to orientate themselves away from cars and towards the needs of people and pedestrians.</p> <p>This is a major crossing points between two estates, The Close and Gainsborough estate. It is ideally situated at the end of a Pram Walk which as the name implies Mums and Dads push prams down the slope and hit this major road and then must wait for a break in the traffic before crossing. This will enable them to cross safely and conveniently, it will also have the added benefit of slowing traffic on this busy road. It will also enable residents on the estate to convenient go to the Takhar stores across the road. Down Greys Hill there is a primary school called Sacred Heart and many parents access this route with their children, hence making their journeys to and from school safely and conveniently. Sacred heart school have been campaigning for this crossing for several years.</p> <p>In Summary  OCC Officers are in favour of this crossing and have designed a very safe scheme  The pedestrian count proves that it is a well-used route.  The speed survey indicates that it is within the acceptable safe speed zone.  As County Councillors I am in favour.  Henley Town Council is unanimously in favour of this crossing and have committed to fund this crossing.  95% of responses to the current consultation are positive.  Gainsborough Residents Association are in favour.  Sacred heart School are in Favours.  Headway which is a local head injury charity are in favour.</p> <p>Therefore, there is overwhelming support for this crossing and a demonstrable need for it.</p>

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<p>(3) Henley-on-Thames Town Council</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - Planning Committee wishes to express its support for this much needed zebra crossing on Greys Road. It will benefit residents of the Gainsborough Estate and the Close, as well as those accessing Sacred Heart Primary School, Headway and the Scouts and general cross-town pedestrian traffic. Pedestrian and traffic counts have demonstrated the need for this crossing and it will provide a mechanism to slow the traffic on Greys Road. It helps to demonstrate the desire to put people before cars and will aid reduction in pollution levels, which are at dangerous levels in Henley.</p>
<p>(4) Local Town Councillor, (Henley Town Council)</p>	<p><b>Concerns</b> - I believe the point you have chosen for the crossing, is not the optimum place, but could quite easily be moved 30 yards to the east, up the hill, besides the dog bin, which would still be used by those exiting the ramp albeit with a fenced small 5 yd diversion. A local shop owner makes very sensible points regarding the bus stops and street scene.</p> <p>We are ALL in favour of Road Safety, and the work you're doing on behalf of OCC, and are supportive of a crossing in principle. But a little bit of compromise on the crossing position, might make life easier for everyone.</p>
<p>(5) Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - For many years, parents, pupils, staff and Governors at Sacred Heart have been campaigning for a zebra crossing on Greys Road. Each time we have been unsuccessful in our attempts to have this passed. We are all hoping that following this period of consultation the decision will be made to allow a safe crossing space.</p> <p>We are extremely fortunate in that to date no major accident has occurred on Greys Road as children have been travelling to and from school. However, with the speed at which the cars travel and the sheer volume of traffic, I fear that it may only be a matter of time.</p> <p>The zebra crossing is desperately needed for several safety reasons. These include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sacred Heart School children crossing Greys Road</li> <li>- residents of Gainsborough estate and further afield visiting the Takhar shop</li> <li>- visitors to the Makins Recreation ground, skate park and Takhar</li> <li>- Gillotts school children</li> <li>- visitors to Trinity trainer pool on Greys Hill</li> <li>-Trinity School children</li> <li>-parishioners and visitors of Trinity church</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- scout hut users</li> <li>- those using the headway centre</li> </ul> <p>There are currently no crossings at all on Greys Road which runs from Henley town centre up to Gillotts school. The road provides access to several schools and other local facilities.</p> <p>Crossing the road is currently difficult due to parked cars blocking visibility, including those cars pulled over on double yellow lines when visiting the Takhar shop. Commercial needs should not be put before safety.</p>
<p>(6) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> – In the past 4 weeks there have been FOUR very near misses of children/young people running onto the road and almost being hit by cars right opposite our house. Three of these instances left the drivers stunned and quickly to tears in the middle of the road at the closeness of the possible serious accident which could have occurred.</p> <p>I cannot stress enough how dangerous this is. The opening to the park which has steps leading down to the road opposite our house has become a diagonal short cut to the wine mart and is the exit/entrance of choice of the youngsters. Kids being kids will take a short cut and will not walk up to the crossing which is proposed. They will just keep crossing at the most convenient point for them which is to cut across from the stairs to the off license.</p> <p>As an alternative to prevent a serious accident, I would like to suggest that the entrance at the stairs (which has recently had a metal gate installed) be closed off completely so that the users of the park must go to the top entrance of the park to enter or exit. It would then be more sensible to place the crossing a little further up from your proposed site, at that exit at the top of the park, to encourage ease of use and safe behaviour.</p> <p>There is no doubt that the will be a serious accident here in the very near future if something is not done promptly.</p>
<p>(7) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> – In summary: The proposed site is going to make the already busy street scene more complicated (in my opinion not improving safety)</p> <p>The drawing supplied does not consider parked cars outside the houses on greys road (giving an impression of clear line of sight which there is not)</p> <p>The drawing supplied does not detail the two bus stops that are in the zigzags (with no suggested relocation plan)</p> <p>The proposed location does not service the need of school children as the scout hut parking is not provisioned for (where most parents park). The proposed location would mean an extra 400 metre walk if they chose to use it (for</p>

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	<p>suggested locations and distances please see drawing attached).          The proposed location does not service the children who use the skate park          The proposed location will be a detriment to local retail business compounding this issues that are felt around the town.</p> <p>Considerations:          If moved further down, it will still service those children from Gainsborough and all other concerned parties but will be at the disbenefit of the residents (parking will need to be sacrificed where it is already lacking).          If moved further up and I am unsure how well it will be utilised.</p>
(8) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<p><b>Object</b> – The more you slow traffic down the higher the pollution. Start by getting rid of some traffic lights!</p>
(9) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<p><b>Object</b> – I don't want any more pollution than we have now. Cars stopping to let people cross will course more problems to peoples breathing.</p>
(10) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<p><b>Object</b> – The zebra crossing will block access to/from The Close which is usually used blocked by the cars owned by the parents of Sacred Heart. If cars have to stop at the zebra crossing on Greys Road, there will also be congestion and air pollution in The Close where lots of elderly people live and who need the road to be clear for emergency services. At the moment parents from Sacred Heart block the entrance to The Close twice a day by parking their cars on both sides of the road thus making it difficult for the residents to get into or out of the street.</p>
(11) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<p><b>Support</b> – Fantastic idea. I have seen many 'near misses' since I have lived here. The bus incident several years ago was a prime example, when the bus ended up going through next door's wall and just missing me!!!</p> <p>The traffic goes at a terrific speed past here and there are always children crossing the road to/from school or the skate park.</p> <p>The sooner the better for a safe crossing.</p>



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<p>(12) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> – I would like to support the Greys Road crossing in Henley. My reasons are below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The traffic speed is horrendous and very dangers to all pedestrians trying to cross. The crossing would slow down traffic sufficiently.</li> <li>2. The proposed crossing would enable children to cross safely to the very popular Makins play-ground and Skatepark and allow children and adults to cross to the shop on the other side of the road. There have been many close accidents down the road which could be stopped if we had a crossing.</li> <li>3. There is a school very close to where the proposed crossing is (Sacred Heart) and many children need to cross the road at peak times - once again a pedestrian crossing would ensure safety.</li> <li>4.. There is a Scouts Hut which is also used by Headway - a charity for those with severe head injuries. All of who need to cross the road safely.</li> <li>5. To add to my comment above I would also say that by slowing traffic you are reducing pollution.</li> </ol>
<p>(13) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> – The proposed pedestrian crossing near the store is an essential safety requirement for the pedestrians in Henley on Thames, especially those of all ages needing to cross to reach local schools or educational clubs or community groups from their various residential areas. I fully support the initiative and cannot understand why infrastructure has not been implemented before now.</p> <p>As an adult Greys Road is difficult to cross due to many blind spots caused by the parked cars, yet we expect older children at primary school (Trinity &amp; Sacred Heart) and Gillotts to cross on their own.</p> <p>As a driver I am only too conscious that a child could dart across the road, while Henley College students frequently amble into Grey’s Road on-mass during rush hour.</p>
<p>(14) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> – I fully support this long overdue pedestrian crossing over this busy road, which is, and has been, extensively used by children and families to access schools, Makins Play Ground and shops. With the construction of the large housing development at Highlands Farm it is essential to have many more safe crossing points over this road.</p>

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<p>(15) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> – I fully support the proposed Zebra crossing on Greys Road Henley between Makins Recreation Ground and the Takhar shop. Long overdue.</p>
<p>(16) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> – I strongly support the provision of a zebra crossing on Greys Road, near the Makins Recreation Ground. This will significantly improve pedestrian safety, and hence encourage more walking, including by children and the physically frail. It will improve pedestrian links to the local schools, recreation ground, shop and pubs.</p>
<p>(17) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> – I firmly support the proposal for a zebra crossing on Greys Road in Henley. It is a busy road with many parked vehicles on the road making visibility poor for pedestrians. The road has to be crossed several times a day by school children and local residents and a zebra crossing on this road is an absolute must.</p>
<p>(18) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> – I am a foundation Governor of Sacred Heart school and I think it makes absolute sense to have a zebra crossing in this area. There is probably no need to go through all the obvious benefits however, there is one comment I would ask that is taken into consideration and that would be the actual position of the crossing.</p> <p>If as it seems likely, that the position is near the Takhar store near the corner, then I believe this will not help the parents that travel along 'school lane' (south of the store) to go to Sacred Heart – basically there seems to a 50-50 split with parents and children coming down towards the store and parents and children coming up towards school lane – if the zebra crossing was central to both roads then it would be far more convenient for footfall coming from both directions to walk the extra few yards to use the crossing.</p>
<p>(19) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> – I think it's a great idea to install this crossing.</p> <p>My young grandchildren often visit me, and I take them to play in the Makins Recreation Ground so the sooner this is put in place the better.</p>

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<p>(20) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> – I am writing to say that I wholeheartedly support the proposed pedestrian crossing in Greys Road Henley. It is long overdue.</p>
<p>(21) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> – The reason there should be a crossing giving safe passage from Gainsborough across the road to whichever direction, it's needed for access to The Close, Sacred Heart &amp; Trinity Schools, pedestrians for work or going to station.</p> <p>In my opinion the schools urgently need this, especially for those children who walk by themselves, also our elderly neighbours who need to cross the road to go to the shop. The crossing will also slow the traffic down on both sides making it a lot safer for all!</p> <p>I have been working on this for four years as Chairman of Gainsborough Residents Association and will continue to do so until we get the desired outcome</p>
<p>(22) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> – Please put a crossing point in on Greys Road opposite the top of Greys Hill.</p> <p>This road is getting busier as more housing is being created in Henley. School drop off times are incredibly hazardous for pedestrians trying to reach the school on Greys Hill and the convenience store. The new Skatepark's users have increased the pedestrian traffic at this point again trying to cross the road to reach the convenience store.</p> <p>This road point has many lone primary school children crossing at great risk at the busiest times as school starts and finishes trying to get home to the housing estate, or to the new updated and popular Makins Recreation ground. I have watched in horror as kids have had near accidents with traffic doing this.</p> <p>This road point is a lethal accident waiting to happen. Please don't let a child die for the sake of a safe road crossing piece of infrastructure.</p>
<p>(23) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> – I have lived in Henley all my life and know this stretch of road well. There is frequent speeding by cars here and I have always thought it a dangerous spot. Downhill traffic seems to take too little account the number of school children who have to cross at this point. Please approve this new crossing.</p>

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<p>(24) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - Greys Road is already very busy and the volume of commercial vehicles including HGV's has risen notably over the last few years, including quite a lot of through traffic. The pressure on this road will only get worse as current housing developments become occupied and even more so with increased housing targets to come.</p> <p>I live in Greys Road and am very familiar with the difficulties of crossing it especially for the elderly, the disabled and for parents with young children going to and from school.</p> <p>I think a zebra crossing here is badly needed and overdue and it should also serve to slow traffic down, which seems to get faster and faster as you can see from the number of vehicles braking near the speed camera!</p>
<p>(25) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - No comments</p>
<p>(26) Local Resident, (Harpsden)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - I am very strongly in favour of a Zebra crossing on Greys Road. Several children cross the road daily both to/from Sacred Heart and Trinity Schools and for those walking to school. Children also cross to use the park after school and it is particularly dangerous. I have personally witnessed several near misses, with cars swerving round pedestrians in the road who are crossing, or children and parents (often with pushchairs/toddlers) having to time a run across the road as it is so busy, particularly at peak times, which coincide with the school drop-off.</p>
<p>(27) Local Group/Organisation, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - We are encouraging parents / children to walk to school as part of our campaign to reduce pollution near the local schools (Sacred Heart Primary and Trinity Primary). We have found that safety is a key factor that prevents children from doing this is that they have to cross Greys Road. A very busy road, particularly at the time children are arriving at school in the morning.</p> <p>We strongly support the provision of this zebra crossing.</p>
<p>(28) Local Resident, (Sonning Common)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - I drive down Greys Road every day on my way to work, I see school children and the elderly and disabled trying to get across Greys Road either going from the bus stop or going to school a crossing will help people to cross.</p>

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<p>(29) Local Group/Organisation, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - No comments</p>
<p>(30) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - I have for a long time believed a crossing would be beneficial between the pram ramp, bus stop &amp; the convenience store as described. High numbers of people cross the road at this point including:</p> <p>Residents of The Close &amp; Greys Hill using the Bus          Residents of the Gainsborough estate using the convenience store          Children walking to or from Sacred Heart School          Children/Families using the Makins playground buying refreshments from the convenience store</p> <p>Having a pedestrian crossing on this downhill stretch of Greys Road should bring the added benefit of slowing cars down and may even encourage more children to walk to school.</p>
<p>(31) Local Resident, (Abingdon)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - No comments</p>
<p>(32) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - 20mph zone start 200 to 400 yds before would help with health and safety.</p>
<p>(33) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - We have long needed this safe crossing for the children attending Sacred Heart School and those crossing to the playground and Skate Park in Makins Recreation Field. I strongly support this proposal and hope it goes ahead.</p>
<p>(34) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - Greys Road needs to be crossed by many adults and children daily. On one side is the Gainsborough estate and the children's' park and the skatepark, and on the other are four schools and the shop.</p> <p>There should have been a crossing here long ago, and with the increasing heavy traffic on Greys Road because of the development at Highlands Farm in particular, it is now essential. The location on the Road is just right.</p>

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<p>(35) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - It would be for the safety of children and adults going to schools, playgrounds and shops. It just might slow the traffic down as people speed on various sections of this road once they have passed the speed camera. We need more signage to remind drivers that people have homes on this road.</p>
<p>(36) Local Group/Organisation, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - I fully support the proposed crossing. It is needed to improve safety for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sacred Heart school children crossing Greys Road</li> <li>- residents of Gainsborough estate and further afield visiting the Takhar shop</li> <li>- visitors to the Makins Recreation ground visiting Takhar</li> <li>- Gillotts school children</li> <li>- visitors to Trinity trainer pool on Greys Hill</li> <li>- scout hut users</li> </ul> <p>There are currently no crossings at all on Greys Road which runs from Henley town centre up to Gillotts school. The road provides access to several schools and other local facilities. Children attending Sacred Heart School regularly cross the road from the Scout hut (where they have to park as there is no parking available nearer to the school) I have been made aware of several near misses over the years as cars come up and down Greys Road at speed. The school has been campaigning for several years for a safe crossing for all children, not only those that attend Sacred Heart.</p> <p>Crossing the road is currently difficult due to parked cars blocking visibility, including those cars pulled over on double yellow lines when visiting the Takhar shop. Commercial needs should not be put before safety.</p>
<p>(37) Local Group/Organisation, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - I fully support this zebra crossing. The speed camera has had little effect in stopping cards from speeding when using this road. For the safety of children and parents using the road for Sacred Heart School, Makins recreation ground, Headway and scouts.</p>
<p>(38) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - No comments</p>

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(39) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - This crossing has been desperately needed for years. Children are one of the biggest demographics that use this road to cross for either the popular and updated recreation ground or for the nearby school.
(40) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - This is a very busy road & needs a crossing to keep children & adults safe, as I have seen to many near misses
(41) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - ITS urgent cars go so fast down there, and children cross frequently
(42) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - I'm giving my full support to this proposal. I've been crossing that road for years with small children and it's a nightmare
(43) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - No comments
(44) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> – I am fully supporting the idea of zebra crossing. It is very much needed for all the community living nearby it will help children and families to cross the road safely especially on the way too and back from schools.
(45) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - No comments
(46) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - This has been talked about for many years and it is required for the safety of both families crossing the road to Sacred Heart School and for elderly residents of The Close to get to the bus stop on Greys Road.
(47) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<p><b>Support</b> - We live on the Gainsborough estate and must cross that road every day to get to school. It's a busy road and although there is a speed camera, people speed then slow down just before it. Our kids need a safe place to cross for school.</p> <p>Lots of residents of the close are elderly and need to cross that road to get to the bus stop. It's scary for them as cars go so fast, they can't walk fast enough.</p>

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<p>(48) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - Every day on the way back from school I cross Grey's road in fear grabbing my child's hand. It's a dangerous road to cross with a school age child as it's on a blind curve (parked cars obstruct the view) A zebra crossing is necessary to ensure the safety of those of us who do the school run. Please help.</p>
<p>(49) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - This crossing is needed. It is vital for safety of residents and school children using this road every day to cross to get to school.</p>
<p>(50) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - Having no zebra crossing close to two big schools and skate park is not only inconvenience, but also safety concern. Cars on that road drive so fast! Hopefully the crossing will be installed before any serious incident happen. I personally saw quite few dangerous situations with crossing at that place, so feel very strongly about this initiative! Please have our children's safety in your hearts and organise official crossing for kids. With additional sign of kids crossing, it would hopefully boost some driver's imagination and they would be more careful while driving.</p>
<p>(51) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - No comments</p>
<p>(52) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - Greys Road is very dangerous to cross and given the number of children crossing due to the proximity of a school and the park/ playground a safe crossing place is needed. Please help make our town safer for pedestrians.</p>
<p>(53) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - This is a very busy road dividing an estate to a popular school in the area. Cars are often speeding up and down and parents/children are often unable to cross safely. I wholeheartedly support this initiative.</p>
<p>(54) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - A raised surface at the crossing would be a good idea, if it's not already part of the plan to encourage drivers to slow down and enable wheelchair and other users' easy access.</p>
<p>(55) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - I support this because it will slow cars and thus reduce pollution. It will also increase safety for parents and schoolchildren crossing the road to the scouts and the recreation ground. It is nice to be consulted because Councillor Nimmo Smith never seemed to do anything whereas the new bloke is much better.</p>



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(56) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - Long needed safety measure!
(57) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - Very important crossing. Not before time.
(58) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - No comments
(59) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - No comments
(60) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - I fully support this proposal, as the traffic on Greys Road is often too fast and the vision going uphill limited.
(61) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - Cars travel very quickly up and down Greys Road: this is potentially difficult to any children (or adults) crossings. A safe method to cross is essential for Grey's Road
(62) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - As the roads become increasingly busy, it is only a matter of time before a child is killed on Greys Road simply getting to school. We MUST have a crossing. It is long overdue
(63) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - This is great idea! Greys Road has lots of turns which makes safe visibility difficult for both pedestrians and drivers. I personally think we need more around the town, so I'm Delighted that this is happening.
(64) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - No comments
(65) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - I think this is a very good idea. I find it a challenge to cross with a buggy due to the amount and speed of the traffic.

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(66) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - No comments
(67) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - No comments
(68) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - No comments
(69) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - No comments
(70) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - No comments
(71) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - This crossing is an important contribution to the community's environment.
(72) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - This will be a blessing for people living in the area, several kids cross this road daily insecurely.
(73) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - I have to cross this road every day to get my daughter to and from school. Cars come racing up and down this road and it's so dangerous. Usually 1 parent has to stand in the middle of the road to stop traffic to allow children to cross. Cars rarely stop to allow the children safe passing. Also, I would love to see some speed bumps or something to slow the traffic down all the way up Greys road. Cars use this road as a race track day and night. I live on this road and witness this daily, unfortunately I have had 2 cats killed by drivers going too fast, I am so worried it will be a child next.
(74) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - No comments

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<p>(75) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - This is a very dangerous road to cross at peak times. Parents take children to school and some youngsters go alone. In addition, people with disabilities (including my own son) need the traffic to go slower as it is often very difficult for pedestrians when cars and vans mount the pavement because of the problem with cars parked on that road.</p> <p>I fully support the crossing and ask SODC to do the same.</p>
<p>(76) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - Update: IT IS IN THE WRONG PLACE, too far up the hill, should be outside the Saracens Head so people can get across to the skate park and school without chaotic parking all over residents' accesses.</p> <p>I am not sure where it is going but I hope between the scout (?) hut and Saracen's Head pub? The school parents park all over the place up Greys Hill, blocking driveways, in private spaces etc. This will mean they can park in an orderly way and cross safely.</p>
<p>(77) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - I am a mother of children who attend the Sacred Heart School.</p> <p>It is vital for the safety of the children and parents who cross this road every morning and afternoon to access the school. We cannot wait until there is an accident to do something about it. I strongly support this action and really hope it goes ahead so my daughter can walk to school on her own next year. Thank you.</p>
<p>(78) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - Traffic does not give way to children waiting to cross the road to attend school and must be made to slow down before a child is seriously injured or killed.</p>
<p>(79) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - A well needed crossing for children and elderly crossing from Gainsborough to local schools and Takhars shop.</p>
<p>(80) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - We need a crossing here, not only for safe crossing to Makins, but also access to the school</p>

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<p>(81) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - Very much needed for the safety of all whom use this road. Motorists speed on this road and I have witnessed many near misses. The children coming and going from the skate park are risking their life's crossing with the speeding traffic.</p>
<p>(82) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - Long overdue! It's a busy road that many schoolchildren and elderly people must cross daily.</p>
<p>(83) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - We need more crossing in Henley!</p>
<p>(84) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - I fully support the proposed crossing. It is needed to improve safety for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sacred Heart school children crossing Greys Road</li> <li>- residents of Gainsborough estate and further afield visiting the Takhar shop</li> <li>- visitors to the Makins Recreation ground visiting Takhar</li> <li>- Gillotts school children</li> <li>- visitors to Trinity trainer pool on Greys Hill</li> <li>- scout hut users</li> </ul> <p>There are currently no crossings at all on Greys Road which runs from Henley town centre up to Gillotts school. The road provides access to several schools and other local facilities.</p> <p>Crossing the road is currently difficult due to parked cars blocking visibility, including those cars pulled over on double yellow lines when visiting the Takhar shop. Commercial needs should not be put before safety.</p>
<p>(85) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - This crossing on Greys Road is perfectly placed for the residents who need to cross the road to take their children to and from Sacred Heart and Trinity Primary Schools, the Trinity Trainer Pool and the shop. People using Makins playground also have a safe crossing to and from the shop to get refreshments.</p> <p>Residents who travel by bus and who live in Greys Hill, The Close, the Gainsborough estate or indeed, the houses by the shop on Greys Road will also benefit when they need to cross the road to get to their bus in whichever direction</p>

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	<p>they are headed.</p> <p>For these reasons, I fully support the proposed zebra crossing on Greys Road.</p>
(86) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - I support this to improve the safety of pedestrians on a busy road. It is particularly needed to protect children and young people crossing from the leisure area.
(87) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - No comments
(88) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - No comments
(89) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - Accident waiting to happen without it
(90) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<p><b>Support</b> - Crossing Greys Road anywhere in that area is no mean feat. Especially for elderly people (who may want to get to the bus stop across from the Takhar store) and (parents with) children (who may live in Gainsborough estate and go to the nearby school, or may want to visit the playground, field and skate park across the road).</p> <p>It is a high traffic area, and with it being a bit of a hill, traffic can be speeding down quite fast and make it challenging to cross that road safely.</p>
(91) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - The crossing should slow down the traffic to enable pedestrians to cross Greys Road more safely.
(92) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<p><b>Support</b> - I strongly support a zebra crossing on Greys Road in Henley on Thames. It is a busy road and children cross the road several times a day to walk to local primary schools and to access the park and skate park. It is a difficult road to cross with very poor visibility in several areas making a zebra crossing a real necessity.</p> <p>Local residents will also definitely benefit from a zebra crossing in this location. Please OCC progress this important</p>

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	proposal to help and support residents in the town.
(93) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - A zebra crossing at the suggested point is essential to cater for the many children walking to and from school to Trinity School, Sacred Heart School, St. Mary's School and Gillotts School. It is also an important crossing for those walking to and from the Makins Recreation Ground, the Scout hut, the skatepark and other amenities. The nearest controlled crossing point is at the traffic lights at the bottom of Greys Road which is too far away to be of any use to the vast majority of those whom the proposed crossing would benefit. The crossing would also serve as a traffic calming measure to the clear benefit of residents and the many adults and children who walk on the pavements up and down Greys Road. It is long overdue and should be implemented as soon as possible before an accident occurs.
(94) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - No comments
(95) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - This is an ideal spot for a crossing because it will help the many residents of Gainsborough, the Close and school children to cross the road safely to get access to school, bus stops and the shop. To me it's a no brainer. The needs of cars to stop directly in front of the store should be considered AFTER the safety needs of pedestrians including children and senior citizens. i.e. non-drivers.
(96) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - No comments
(97) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - It's absolutely necessary.
(98) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - Having a zebra crossing is assenting to the community living in this area. Currently quite difficult to cross as cars go fast down the hill until they realise of the radar, so quite dangerous specially if considering all the children around the park and schools in this area.

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<p>(99) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - Greys Road has become increasingly busy over the past few years. We now have major housing developments taking place which will bring even more traffic down to this area. Rat runs using St Andrews Road/Green Lane are also bringing extra traffic.</p> <p>A zebra crossing is needed for all residents young and old. There are two schools near where the zebra crossing will go.</p> <p>If this opportunity is missed, before long there will be a major accident, of this there is no doubt.</p>
<p>(100) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - This is a dangerous road with lots of pedestrians crossing.</p>
<p>(101) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - For our children's safety it's essential to have this Zebra crossing. My son and I were almost hit by a vehicle who tried to overtake another car who stopped to give us way.</p>
<p>(102) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - I would like to support the Greys Road crossing in Henley. My reasons are below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The traffic speed is horrendous and very dangers to all pedestrians trying to cross. The crossing would slow down traffic sufficiently.</li> <li>2. The proposed crossing would enable children to cross safely to the very popular Makins playground and Skatepark and allow children and adults to cross to the shop on the other side of the road. There have been many close accidents down the road which could be stopped if we had a crossing.</li> <li>3. There is a school very close to where the proposed crossing is (Sacred Heart) and many children need to cross the road at peak times - once again a pedestrian crossing would ensure safety.</li> <li>4. There is a Scouts Hut which is also used by Headway - a charity for those with severe head injuries. All of who need to cross the road safely.</li> </ol>
<p>(103) Local Group/Organisation, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - Our students walk to college and Greys Road has become extremely busy at all times of the day and we would like to support this application to preserve the safety of our student's.</p>

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<p>(104) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - My support is conditional that it is NOT traffic light controlled</p>
<p>(105) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - No comments</p>
<p>(106) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - I have lived at the top of Greys Road for many years and I am astonished that there is no zebra crossing anywhere from the town centre to the top. It is an extremely busy road - particularly at peak times. It should have a zebra crossing to help ensure the safe crossing of school children and other pedestrians. The proposed location of the crossing is perfect.</p>
<p>(107) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - As a parent walking my children to Sacred Heart school I regularly have to put my arm out to kindly ask the traffic to stop on Greys Road. I cross at the place where the crossing is planned so am fully supportive of a zebra crossing.</p>
<p>(108) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - Has been needed for many years. As has a crossing near Swiss Farm!!</p>
<p>(109) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - The amount of traffic using Henley is unacceptably high and much are simply using it as a rat run to cross the river to get to another destination - a solution to the towns traffic issues therefore needs to be identified.</p> <p>There needs to be a new river crossing (bridge) built that allows through traffic to completely bypass Henley and a width restriction enforced on the current Henley bridge.</p> <p>Preferably all HGV's and large commercial vehicles should be banned from the town (with the exception of specific in-town deliveries) but at a minimum there needs to be both vehicle weight and time restrictions enforced.</p> <p>More broadly the roads / pavements in and around Henley are a complete and absolute disgrace with the surfaces badly potholed, uneven and / or collapsing. When or rather if a repair is made the job is completed shoddy and the repair never lasts and quickly fails. Two examples of the terrible roads include:</p>



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	<p>1) The Gravel Hill road between the Henley Town Hall and up to the entrance of Friar Park is subsiding, uneven, badly potholed and the ironworks / drains are either collapsing or isn't level with the road surface. Traffic has to drive down the middle of the road in-order to miss most of the potholes and not to bounce around wildly or suffer damage to their wheels.</p> <p>2) The road surface between at the intersections of Elizabeth and Greys road and the intersection between Elizabeth and Valley Road has the surface braking up, is subsiding in places and the ironworks / drains are collapsing.</p>
(110) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<p><b>Support</b> - This is needed. Cars travel at speed around a blind corner (going up Greys Road away from Town) at a point used heavily by Sacred Heart school children crossing the road to get to the skate park/scout hut car park.</p> <p>This zebra crossing will make it much safer for parents and pupils at Sacred Heart School.</p>
(111) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<p><b>Support</b> - Have 3 small children in the school on the greys hill - Greys Road super scary to cross due to poor visibility and cars parked everywhere plus cars speeding up the hill. It's almost impossible to cross at the bottom of the Greys Rd due to a corner and again very poor visibility due to the parked cars on the Road. There is nowhere to cross this road safely for families using the school, pre-school and the trinity swimming pool.</p>
(112) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<p><b>Support</b> - No comments</p>
(113) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<p><b>Support</b> - This is a matter of safety for children getting to and from school.</p>
(114) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<p><b>Support</b> - No comments</p>
(115) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<p><b>Support</b> - Grey Road in a very busy road and despite a speed camera being situated near the proposed crossing cars travel up the hill at high speeds. Greys Road is becoming busier due to additional houses being built at Hernes Farm and at the top of Greys Road. The children's playground on the Makins recreation ground is very popular with children around the area it is situated next to the proposed crossing. A proper crossing is needed.</p>

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(116) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - No comments
(117) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - No comments
(118) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - I think it would make it much safer for children crossing
(119) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - No comments
(120) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - It will support children walking to school which can help them lead a more active lifestyle (both now and in the future) and reduce traffic on the road, reduce carbon footprint and pollution (a major health risk in Henley).
(121) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - No comments
(122) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - Greys road needs this crossing for our children to keep safe. The cars drive too fast even though there is a camera and people also park too close to the junctions so when people do pull out you can't see what's coming!!!
(123) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - This is so important. It's a busy road and people need to cross it to get to the shop, the skate park and school. It's vital we have a crossing. It would also help act as traffic calming.
(124) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - No comments

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(125) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - This crossing will make it much safer for children and adults to cross this very busy road.
(126) Local Group/Organisation, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - No comments
(127) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - There is no existing designated crossing area near very well used play park and skate park. Also, it is a direct route to school for so many children in the surrounding areas. It is very dangerous to cross the road, which is always busy, at said location!
(128) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - A must as part of proper, well-thought through, traffic management solution for Henley
(129) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - No comments
(130) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - No comments
(131) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - No comments
(132) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - No comments
(133) Local Group/Organisation, (Henley-on-Thames)	<b>Support</b> - I am writing on behalf of Henley Village Montessori Nursery School. It is extremely important that children have safe places to cross, especially on busy roads near parks and schools. Let's not wait for a terrible accident to happen before something is done.

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<p>(134) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - No comments</p>
<p>(135) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - I have a child at Sacred Heart School and often walk down Greys Road on the way to/back from school. Children crossing the road with their parents/carers are literally taking a leap faith into the road. They wait for an 'almost' gap, then leap into the road and run to the other side. This is a dangerous spot just waiting for a nasty accident to happen. Cars drive fast along here at times too (even though they shouldn't) so that just makes it even worse. I can't believe we have gone so long without a safe place for the children to cross. Allowing this to continue is not only risking their lives, it is also teaching them incredibly unsafe ways to get across roads. They simply cannot wait until nothing is coming or they would never get across.</p>
<p>(136) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> - We regularly cross this road from school (Sacred Heart) over to Makins playground and it often takes a long time to get over as, despite traffic slowing down Greys Road for the speed camera, cars coming up the hill on the other side are VERY fast.</p> <p>I wouldn't be happy with my children attempting to cross this road on their own. It is very hazardous, and I often see parents in the morning crossing from the Gainsborough Estate having to go into the road and stop traffic to get across.</p>
<p>(137) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>Neither/Concerns</b> - There is places in a Town centre where the crossing is needed as it's so dangerous to cross e.g. Kings Road next to Waitrose - amendment is needed here, was almost run over by the cars on numerous occasions as I used crossing and then to go the pavement leading to Waitrose is non :/ and bottom of that road by the roundabout!!! These places are a bit more in use then greys Road I would say ....</p>
<p>(138) Local Resident, (Henley-on-Thames)</p>	<p><b>No opinion</b> - Sure, if it's needed then do it.</p>