

DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL– 3 JANUARY 2013

PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING B4495 WEIRS LANE OXFORD

Report by Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Commercial)

Introduction

1. This report presents objections and other comments received to a formal consultation on a proposed zebra crossing on the B4495 Weirs Lane Oxford. The location of the proposed crossing is shown on the plan at Annex 1.

Background

2. There have been long standing requests for the provision of a pedestrian crossing on the B4495 Weirs Lane, but until now no funding had been identified.
3. However, funding for a zebra crossing has now been secured from the Area Stewardship Fund allocated to Councillor John Tanner.

Consultation

4. A formal consultation on the proposed crossing was carried out between 25 October and 23 November 2012. A summary of the responses received is set out at Annex 2. This shows widespread local support for the scheme, although one objection has been received. Copies of the consultation responses are available for inspection in the Members' Resource Centre.

Objection

5. One objection was received from the occupiers of a property close to the proposed crossing on the grounds that it would aggravate traffic congestion and noise, and adversely affect the value of properties. The letter of objection included the suggestion that the crossing should be provided further east on the part of the road where there were no frontage properties.
6. As zebra and pelican crossings are routinely provided on residential roads with similar levels of traffic with no obvious adverse effects, it is not anticipated that the proposed crossing would result in the problems stated in the objection. A crossing further east would be much less convenient for the majority of the pedestrians for whom the crossing is intended to serve.

How the Project supports LTP3 Objectives

7. The provision of the zebra crossing will improve the perception of a safer road at this location and facilitate walking.

Financial Implications

8. The cost of implementing the zebra crossing will be met from County Councillor Tanner's Area Stewardship Fund allocation

RECOMMENDATION

10. **The Deputy Leader of the Council is RECOMMENDED to authorise the implementation of the zebra crossing on Weirs Lane, Oxford as advertised.**

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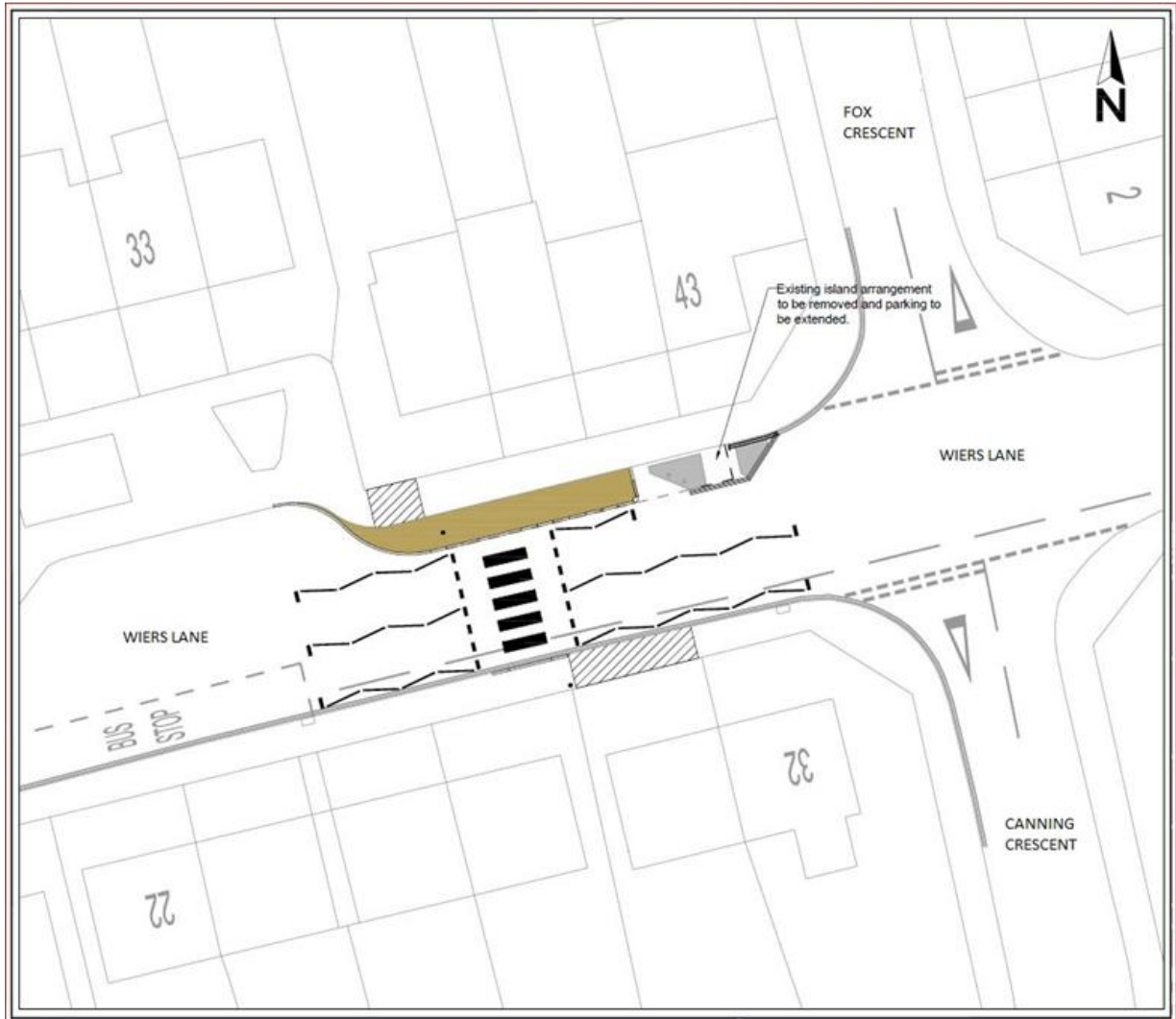
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Background papers: Consultation responses

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Plan showing location of proposed zebra crossing on B4495 Weirs Lane Oxford



Summary of consultation responses

Respondent	Response	Officer comments
Occupiers of property close to proposed crossing	Strongly object on grounds of increased congestion and noise, and adverse effect on property value. Suggests crossing is provided further east where there is no residential frontage	Zebra and pelican crossings are routinely provided in very comparable settings. A crossing further east would not cater for the majority of pedestrian crossing movements
Cllr John Tanner + petition with 220 signatories	Strongly support provision of crossing	-
City Councillor Bob Price	Strongly supports provision of crossing	-
City Councillor Oscar Van Nooijen	Strongly supports provision of crossing	-
Jane Sherwood, vicar of St Lukes Church	Strongly supports provision of crossing	-
Thames Valley Police	No objection – raised query as to possible obstruction of visibility of pedestrians crossing from south to north at times when a bus is waiting at the bus stop on the south side of the road	The layout of the crossing with a bus stop quite close to the exit side to the crossing is not unusual and is in accordance with accepted design practice.