

Division(s): Abingdon West

DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL – 14 FEBRUARY 2013

PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING, SPRING ROAD, ABINGDON

Report by Deputy Director of Environment & Economy (Commercial)

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to consider objections/comments received following consultation on and formal advertisement of a proposed zebra crossing on Spring Road, Abingdon. The detail of the crossing is shown on the plan included at Annex 1 and the location at Annex 2.

Background

2. County Councillors Marilyn and Michael Badcock propose to use the Area Stewardship Fund in order to implement a zebra crossing on Spring Road, just south of its mini-roundabout junction with Faringdon Road. The zebra will replace an existing uncontrolled (dropped kerb and tactile paving only) pedestrian crossing point.
3. Formal pedestrian crossings at both ends of Spring Road have been an aspiration of the local schools for a number of years. The route is used by a large number of children making their return journey from home to school and back. Similarly there are movements between schools and their sports facilities and between schools themselves.

Consultation

4. Formal consultation was carried out between 28 November 2012 and 21 December 2012. The proposals were advertised formally in the local press and notices posted on site. Copies of the notice and plan were emailed to all statutory consultees and posted to affected frontagers.
5. Five letters and one email from local residents & local councillors together with a letter and report from Thames Valley Police have been received. A summary of these, together with an officer response is set out at Annex 3 with copies available for inspection in the Members' Resource Centre.

Objections and concerns

6. The main concerns of respondents centre on the visibility of the new crossing, both for drivers turning left from Faringdon Road into Spring Road and also those travelling north along Spring Road. It is accepted that this is a difficult site to achieve optimum conspicuity. Officers have made a number of site

checks to see where best to locate the crossing to ensure it is both safe and located where it will be used.

7. For left-turning traffic, although at the absolute minimum end of visibility requirements, the lack of distance is mitigated by the need for motorists turning into Spring Road having to slow down and give way at the mini-roundabout junction prior to encountering the zebra crossing. For northbound traffic on Spring Road there is greater visibility enhanced by the need for drivers to slow for the roundabout. Both approaches will have advanced warning signs which will be supplemented by additional temporary warning signs for a 3-month period after construction.
8. Other issues raised include vehicle speeds, delays to traffic and suggestions for alternative solutions; these are discussed at Annex 3.

How the Project supports LTP3 Objectives

9. Implementation of the zebra crossing will improve walking facilities and promote road safety.

Financial Implications

10. The cost of implementing the zebra crossing will be met from County Councillors Marilyn and Michael Badcock's Area Stewardship Fund allocation.
11. Design and consultation has been undertaken by officers from Environment and Economy as part of their normal duties.

RECOMMENDATION

12. **The Deputy Leader of the Council is RECOMMENDED to authorise the implementation of a zebra crossing on Spring Road, Abingdon as advertised.**

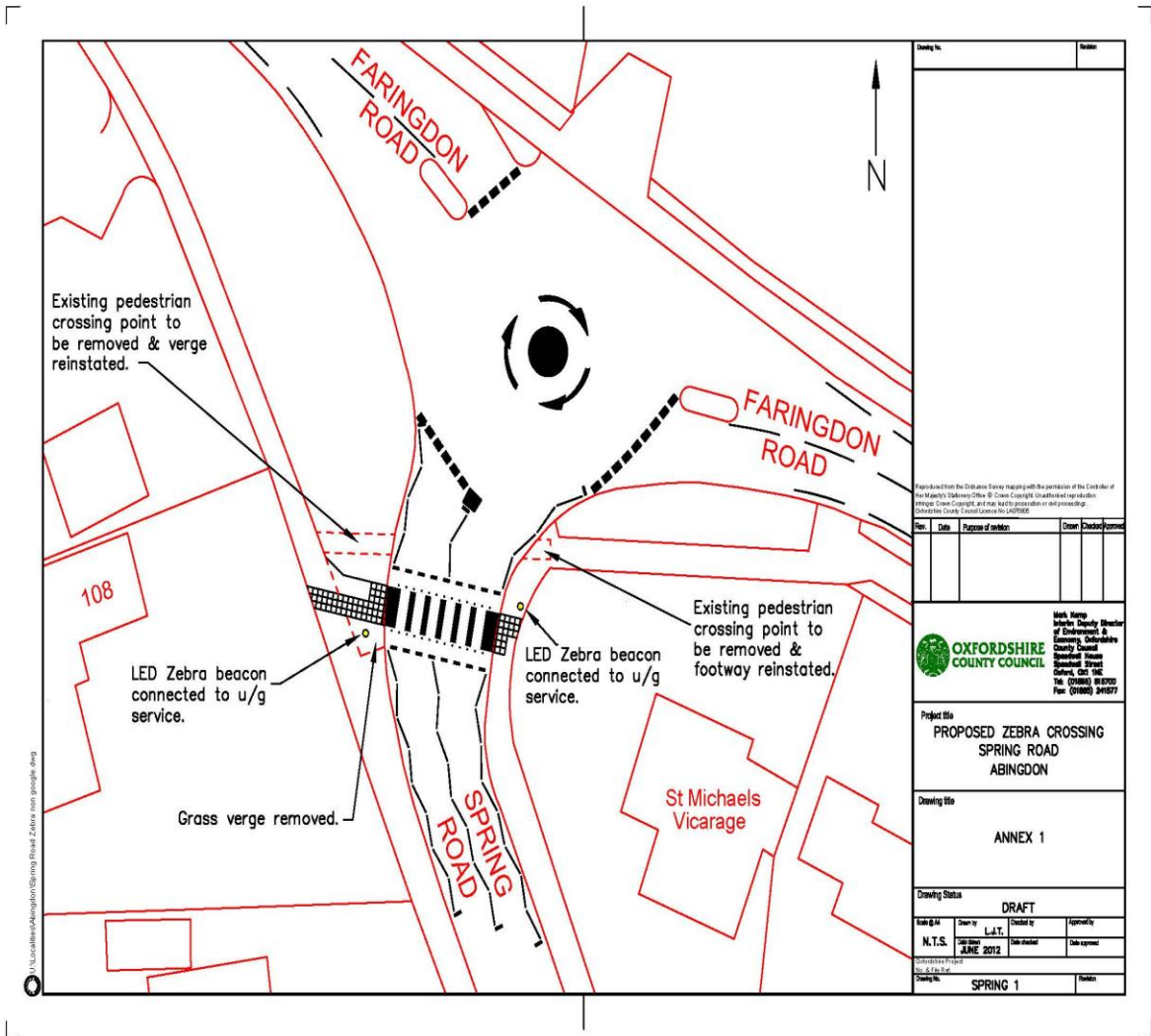
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Background papers: Consultation documentation.

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ANNEX 2



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