Division(s): Grove

DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL – 7 JUNE 2012

PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING – DENCHWORTH ROAD, GROVE

Report by Interim Deputy Director of Environment & Economy (Highways & Transport)

Introduction

1. This report considers the objections/comments received following consultation and formal advertisement for a proposed zebra crossing on Denchworth Road, Grove. The exact location of the crossing is shown on the plan at Annex 1.

Background

- County Councillor Zoe Patrick proposes to use the Area Stewardship Fund in order to provide a zebra crossing on Denchworth Road, close to the end of a footpath running between Denchworth Road and Millbrook School / Millbrook Square.
- 3. A document outlining the history of a pedestrian crossing request on Denchworth Road has been prepared by Councillor Zoe Patrick and is attached at Annex 2.
- 4. Site observations indicate that the majority of pedestrians emerging from the footpath onto Denchworth Road turn to the east and, similarly, the majority of pedestrians entering the footpath from Denchworth Road have come from the east. The proposed location of the zebra crossing to the east of the footpath, outside the Bay Tree Public House, best serves these pedestrian movements. Keeping the zebra crossing as close as possible to the end of the footpath also caters for any pedestrian movements along Denchworth Road to or from the west.
- A pedestrian survey was carried out on Denchworth Road between the footpath and its eastern end at Main Street on 27 January 2012 between 2.30
 & 3.30 pm when a total of forty eight pedestrians, who either entered or emerged from the footpath, were observed crossing this section of the road.

Consultation

6. Formal consultation was carried out between 8 February 2012 and 7 March 2012.

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- 7. 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.
- 8. One letter from an affected frontager objecting/commenting has been received and is summarised with an officer response at Annex 3.
- 9. Thames Valley Police and Grove Parish Council have responded and neither have objected to the proposals. Copies of all correspondence are available for inspection in the Members' Resource Centre.

How the Project supports LTP3 Objectives

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

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

- 11. The cost of implementing the zebra crossing will be met from County Councillor Zoe Patrick's Area Stewardship Fund allocation.
- 12. Design and consultation has been undertaken by E&E officers as part of their normal duties.

RECOMMENDATION

13. The Deputy Leader of the Council is RECOMMENDED to authorise the implementation of the zebra crossing on Denchworth Road, Grove as advertised.

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Background papers: Annex 1: Plan

Annex 2: History of Denchworth Road Crossing by

Cllr. Zoé Patrick.

Annex 3: Summary of objections and comments

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