

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 12 APRIL 2018**

### **A4095 BURFORD ROAD WITNEY - PROPOSED SHARED USE FOOTWAY / CYCLE TRACK AND TOUCAN CROSSING**

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

#### **Introduction**

1. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to provide a shared use footway/cycle-track and toucan crossing on the A4095 Burford Road in the area between Springfield Park and Tower Hill, in Witney.

#### **Background**

2. The above proposal has been put forward as part of a proposed residential development on the north side of the A4095 Burford Road. Plans showing the proposals are provided at Annex 1 and 2.

#### **Consultation**

3. Formal consultation on the proposal was carried out between 14 February and 16 March 2018. A public notice was placed in the Witney Gazette newspaper and sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, West Oxfordshire District Council, Witney Town Council Councils and local County Councillors. Street notices were also placed in the vicinity of the proposed crossing location and letters sent to adjacent premises.
4. Two responses were received. An objection from a member of the public which, however, did not give any grounds for the objection and one in support from the Windrush Bike Project, which nevertheless raised queries on some aspects of the design and also wider issues about cycle provision in the area. These responses are summarised at Annex 2 with copies of the full responses available for inspection by County Councillors.

#### **Response to objection and other comments**

5. The objection of the member of the public is noted.
6. The Windrush Bike Project, while welcoming the principle of provision for cycling, queried the design of the cycle track where it crossed side road junctions, noting that this did not conform with the cycling design standards recently issued by the County Council. While it is accepted that this is the case, the design of this specific scheme predates the issuing of these

standards and it is not considered feasible to amend the design at this stage, noting also that layouts of the type currently proposed typically have very good safety records.

7. The wider concerns raised about the integration of the proposed scheme with existing cycle provision and future plans for additional provision on the Burford road are also noted but it should be stressed that the current proposals do not in any way constrain opportunities for further provision for cyclists here as and when funding to deliver the latter becomes available.

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

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

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

9. Funding for the proposed bus stops has been provided from the developers of land adjacent to the A4095 Burford Road.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

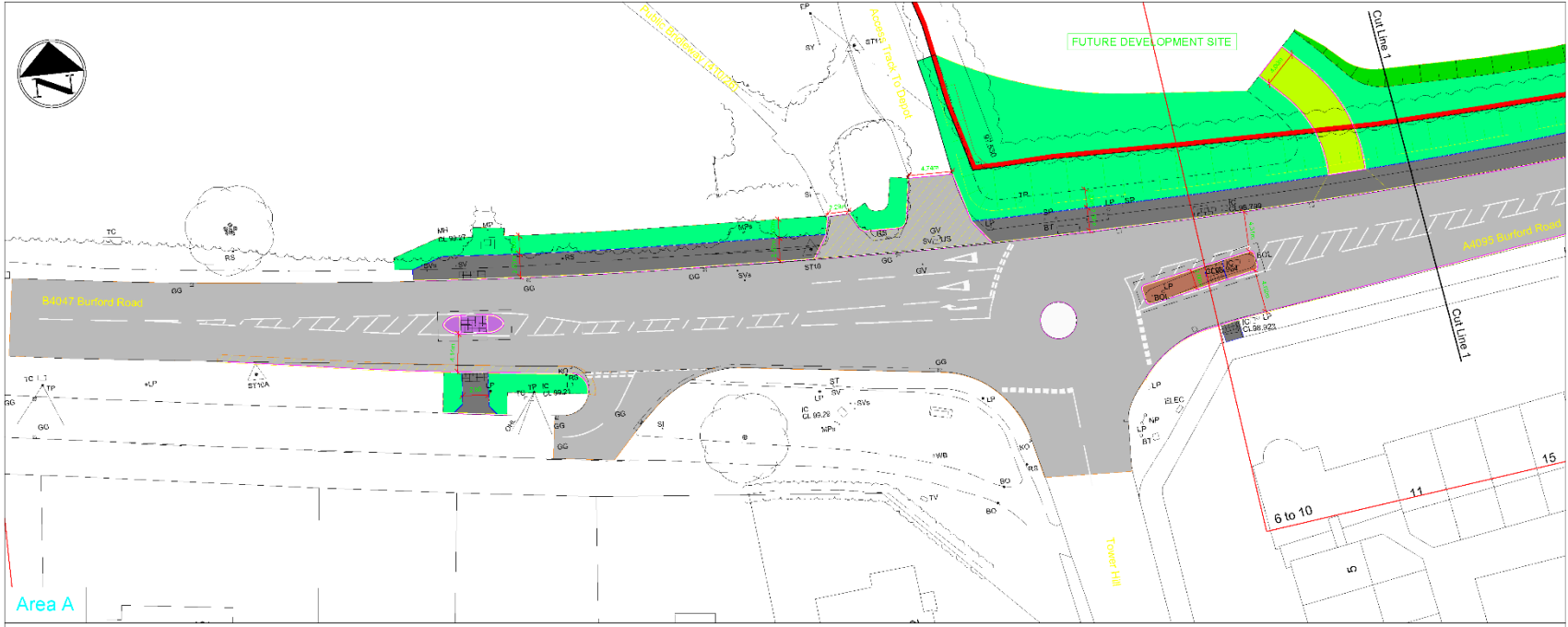
10. **The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve proposals to provide a shared use footway/cycle-track and toucan crossing on the A4095 Burford Road in the area between Springfield Park and Tower Hill, in Witney as advertised.**

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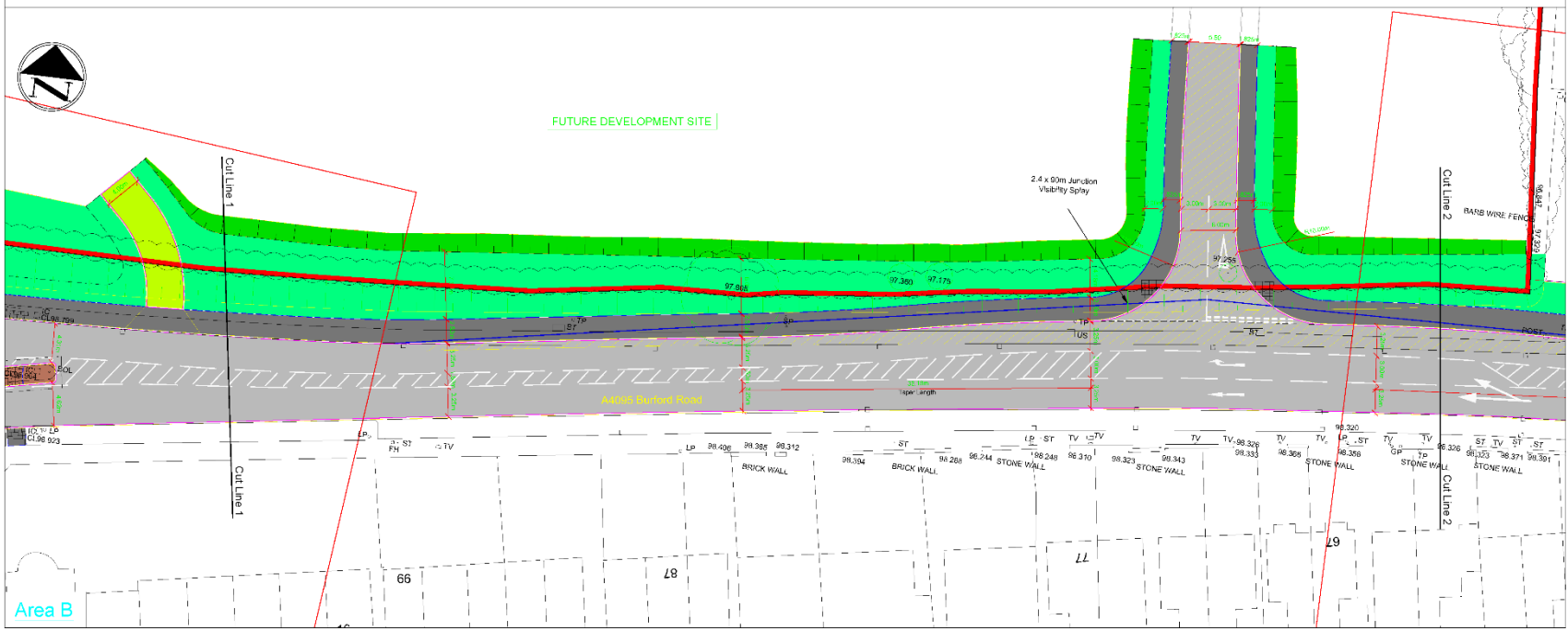
Background papers: Plan of proposed shared use footway / cycletrack and  
toucan crossing  
Consultation responses

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Area A



Area B

**LEGEND**

- Existing Road Surface Over Which New Roadmakings Are to be Installed
- New Cycle / Footways
- New Road Pavement
- New Road Pavement (Formicrete)
- Reconstructed Pedestrian Refuge Island
- New Pedestrian Refuge Island
- Highway Verge / Reinstatement of Existing Verge
- Better Slope (1 in 2 Unless Shown Otherwise)
- Development Site Boundary

- Notes:**
1. This drawing presents the "General Arrangement" for the new site and emergency accesses required to service the proposed residential development on land to the North of Burford Road, Witney.
  2. This drawing shows the off-site highway works that will require a S278 agreement with Oxfordshire County Council.
  3. The extents of the proposed highway boundary to be added to this layout, once agreed with Oxfordshire County Council.

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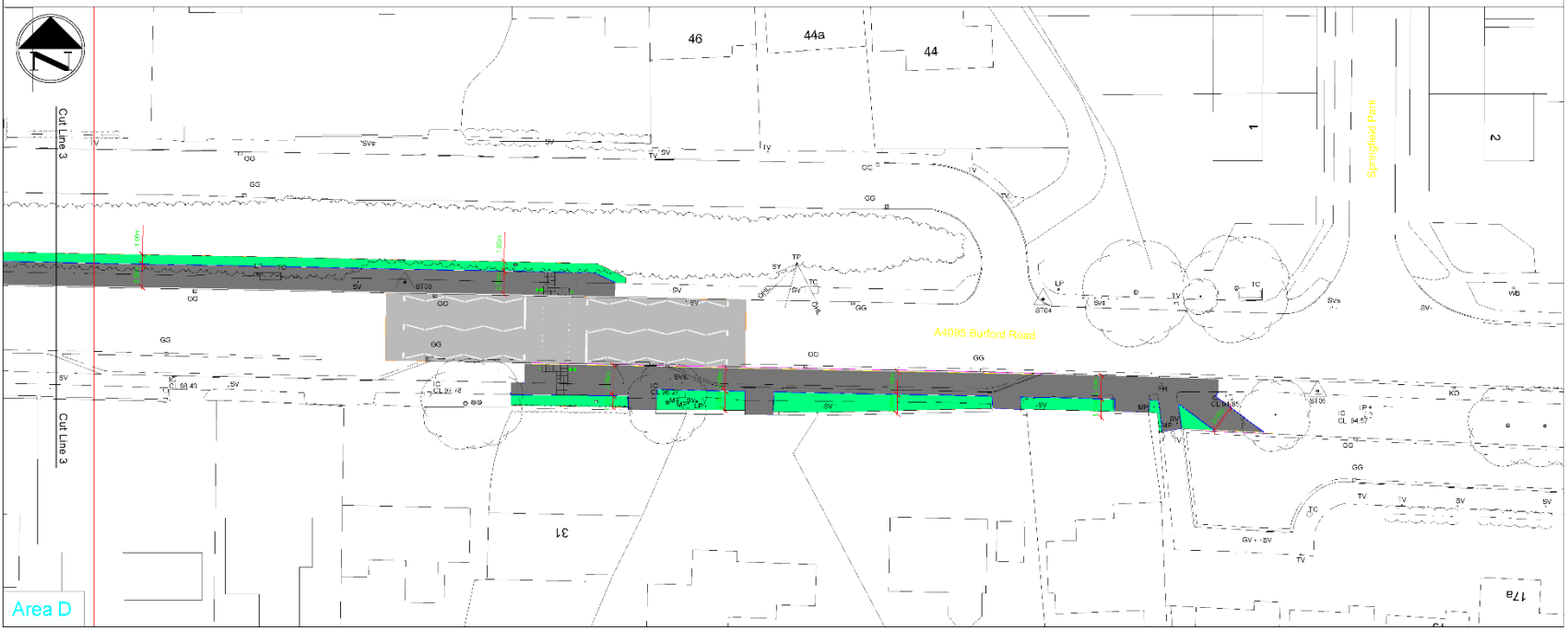
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 S278 HIGHWAY WORKS  
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Area C



Area D

**LEGEND**

- Existing Road Surface Over Which New Roadmarkings Are to be Installed
- New Cycle / Footways
- New Road Pavement
- New Road Pavement (Permeable)
- Reconstructed Podairan Roll-up Islands
- New Pedestrian Refuge Island
- Highway Verge / Reinstatement of Existing Verge
- Bator Slope (1 in 2 Unless Shown Otherwise)
- Development Site Boundary
- Traction Crossing Traffic Signals

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RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
Windrush Bike Project	While welcoming additional provision for cyclists, we are concerned that the detailing of the scheme where the cycletrack crosses side road junctions is not in accordance with current OCC advice, and also query how the proposed provision fits into other existing provision on the Burford Road (which is on the south side of the road) and more generally, on wider plans for cycling provision on this corridor.
Local Resident, (Springfield Park, Witney)	<u>Toucan Crossing</u> - <b>Object</b> – no comment <u>Shared-Use Footway</u> – <b>Object</b> – no comment