

Divisions affected: *Shrivenham*

**CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT
07 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**SHIRVENHAM: HIGHWORTH ROAD – PROPOSED ZEBRA
CROSSING**

Report by Corporate Director, Environment and Place

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Cabinet Member for Highway Management is **RECOMMENDED** to approve as advertised a zebra crossing at Highworth Road, Shrivenham

Executive summary

2. This report presents responses to a consultation on a proposal to introduce a zebra crossing as shown in **Annex 1**.

Financial Implications

3. Funding for the proposals, including consultation will be met from the County Councils 'Accessibility and Road Safety' fund.

Equality and Inclusion Implications

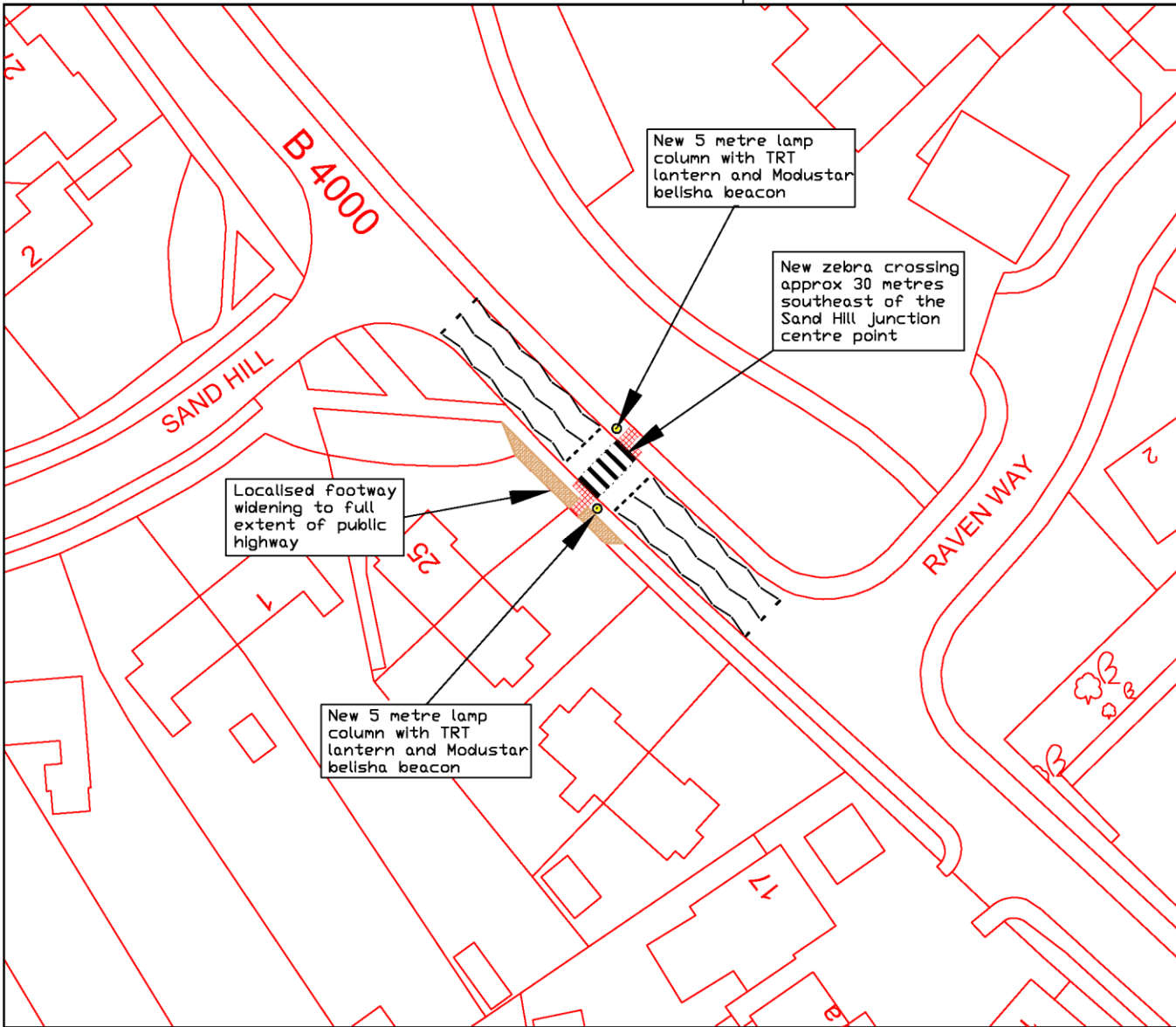
4. No implications in respect of equalities or inclusion have been identified in respect of the proposals.



Sustainability Implications

5. The proposals would help facilitate walking and improve road safety in the vicinity.

Formal consultation

6. Formal consultation was carried out between 14 June and 14 July 2023. An email was sent to consultees & key-stakeholders, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Bus operators, countywide transport/access & disabled peoples user groups, Shrivenham



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ANNEX 2

RESPONDENT	COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	No objection
(2) County Cllr, (Shrivenham division)	Support - This is a much needed pedestrian crossing and I write as County Cllr to support installation very strongly, and hope to see it built in double quick time! Residents have been needing this crossing ever since the build out of the new housing development, and now it is essential before opening of the new primary school - probably Jan/Feb 2024 but could be late autumn 2023.
(3) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Stainswick Lane)	Object - Speed of growing volume of traffic and much increasing number of families on both sides of the road. Large housing developments have consequences
(4) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, The Green)	<p>Object - This is an objection based on the disruption that will be caused to the residents of close properties, by the alteration of the road surface.</p> <p>It is based on extant evidence from the installation of the hump in Townsend Road Shrivenham that was so badly designed that the vibration from passing traffic woke local residents in the middle of the night.</p> <p>After a period of time while residents including the elderly were repeatedly denied sleep OCC Highways did modify it, resulting in only a small improvement.</p> <p>Hence the objection, to stop other having to endure the same sleep deprivation as some in the village have already suffered due to road safety improvements.</p>
(5) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Martens Road)	Object - Object because there are more places that need a crossing in a much more dangerous part on the Highworth road . Example Queens Crescent the two dropped curbs to cross here both are blind spots. Also one needed crossing into the park near the junction as the cars do not slow down when coming from the slip road. Where you are suggesting because of the new school going there. Well most will drive and others will cut through by the

	church or across the park into the football ground as most from that estate do. So I feel more important dangerous places to have a crossing.
(6) Local Resident, (Faringdon, Marines Drive)	Concerns - Speed of vehicles coming over the brow
(7) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Highworth Road)	Concerns - I welcome the plan to build a crossing on Highworth Road. However, I would question the logic behind the location chosen. Highworth Road is a busy thoroughfare through the village for cars, trucks of all sizes and farm vehicles, that has at present no traffic calming measures. The footpath on the eastern side of the road, heading north from the junction with the High Street runs out at the gated access to the Recreation Ground. This is a regular crossing point for anyone walking from the northern side of the village to the shops, school and amenities. I would argue very strongly that this is a more appropriate site for a crossing in terms of the footfall that I have witnessed and for access to the Recreation Ground.
(8) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Manor Lane)	Concerns - Subject should have been considered prior to allowing the planning permissions being granted for the extensive building projects near the Highworth Road.
(9) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Sandy Lane)	Concerns - Seems a very random place to position the crossing. There are no businesses in this area that could lead to a high number of people needing to cross the road or any other premises that are a draw to increase foot traffic. Seems to be a waste of funds. If there was a need anywhere for a crossing it would be closer to the village hall where people typically congregate and gather and have a need to cross the road.
(10) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Sandhill)	Concerns - Generally I support the need for a road crossing and road safety, but I worry about the location of the crossing in relation to the Sandhill turning. At busy times of day it is likely that turning right out of Sandhill could be difficult, which in turn means access across my driveway and property (1 Sandhill) will be blocked.
(11) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Stainswick Lane)	Concerns - Slow traffic flow
(12) Local Cllr, (Shrivenham, Orchard View, Northford Close)	Support - School opening and route to/from extensive new builds to and from the village I for traffic and the public, including school children, makes a safe crossing point essential.

<p>(13) Local Cllr, (Uffington, High Street)</p>	<p>Support - This crossing is long overdue, and I hope will be the first of a number of interventions in Shrivenham to prioritise pedestrians rather than cars. While the siting of this crossing is right to allow access to the new school, it does not solve the issue of there being at least two more dangerous road crossings for young children and families to make in order to reach this point from much of the village. Vision Zero and Predict and Provide policies both necessitate a far greater investment in schemes such as this one in our rural villages, and thank you for finally getting this under way.</p>
<p>(14) Member of public, (Faringdon, Coxwell Road)</p>	<p>Support - The Highworth road is fast and dangerous to cross. I don't know why there isn't a zebra crossing already. It's right next to a busy kids playground for goodness sake!! Something needs to be done to make the crossing of that road safer.</p>
<p>(15) Local Resident, (Highworth, Eastrop)</p>	<p>Support - This will help to adjust driving behaviours for people travelling from highworth into shrivenham. Now so many new houses and residents are in the village there will be associated vehicle and pedestrian traffic. I can't see any reason why not.</p>
<p>(16) Member of public, (Highworth, Sevenfields)</p>	<p>Support - I fully support this crossing, it'll provide a safe crossing for the school children and pedestrians</p>
<p>(17) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Catherine Close)</p>	<p>Support - Complete overload of property development in the area and the new school build demands enhanced safety for residents, particularly those going to/from the school.</p>
<p>(18) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Colton Road)</p>	<p>Support - A safe area to cross the busy and dangerous Highworth Road has been needed for a long time.</p>
<p>(19) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Cox's Road)</p>	<p>Support - Massively increased housing to the west of Highworth Road when all village facilities are to the east. Also Faringdon Community College bus pick up point is adjacent to Highworth Road meaning much road crossing by school children in rush hour.</p>
<p>(20) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Damson Trees)</p>	<p>Support - As the new school will soon be opening and lots of children will be travelling along this route adding a crossing is absolutely necessary. However, rather than un-manned, un-monitored crossing, would it not be better to have a crossing with traffic lights or at least an island in order to reduce the risk to children even further.</p>

(21) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Fairthorne Way)	Support - I'm supporting the proposals for a zebra crossing on Highworth Rd as it's a main road and it cut's through many housing estates and the primary school
(22) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Fairthorne Way)	Support - It will provide an essential safe crossing for all pedestrians, in particular children walking to school
(23) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Farrington Road)	Support - Local concern
(24) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Friars Close)	Support - It's needed due to new Cross Trees houses and it will help reduce vehicle speed
(25) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Glebe Close)	Support - Due to number of houses increasing in Shrivenham Highworth Road is getting very busy and crossing the road is very dangerous at times, I think a crossing with traffic lights would be a better idea as Zebra crossing located on the high street can be dangerous as some drivers take no notice of it and drive through as people are crossing.
(26) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Hazells Lane)	Support - To make it safer to cross as an occasional dog walker, let alone for parents and children. 20mph limit should make it a little safer to cross but the zebra crossing may be answered to more than the speed limit!
(27) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Hicks Close)	Support - The speed of the traffic using Highworth Road is well in excess of the 30mph speed limit in and out of the village (20mph limit to be introduced in the near future), and unless the pedestrian crossing and speed calming measures in place, there is going to be a serious accident on this stretch of road. I am a member of the CSW Team and have witnessed speeds in excess of 48mph on this stretch of road (speed as indicated on the radar gun). As a homeowner that overlooks the Highworth Road, I witness drivers consistently speeding well in excess of 40mph on a daily basis. This is from early morning (05.30hrs) to well past 20.00hrs in the evening. I don't believe just a Zebra crossing will be sufficient to slow the traffic down and there is every possibility a pedestrian will be hit when using the crossing. Speed calming is what is also required.
(28) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Manor Close)	Support - This crossing is badly needed in view of sharply increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic, particularly once the new Primary School opens (due next spring)

(29) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Martens Close)	Support - Highworth Road has become very busy, adding pedestrian safety features is a good idea.
(30) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Martens Close)	Support - Adding pedestrian safety features on Highworth road is a good idea
(31) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Queens Crescent)	Support - I live on Queens Crescent and it can be really difficult to cross the road as at times you cannot see around the bend or that cars speed up Highworth rd. with the new school coming a zebra crossing is needed. I also feel that it is needed further up the road by the hall or by the rec.
(32) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Queens Crescent)	Support - School children need a safe place to cross.
(33) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Sandhill)	Support - Safety and necessity, another further down highworth road by the memorial hall would be welcome also.
(34) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Shrivenham High Street)	Support - Safty when the new school opens
(35) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Stallpits Road)	Support Hopefully the crossing will serve a double purpose in slowing traffic down as cars etc enter the village at high speed.
(36) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Vicarage Lane)	Support - With the new school.due to be built there and the propensity for traffic to speed along Highworth Road, the crossing will be needed. My only concern is placement. I believe it could and should be further to.the southeast between Raven Way and Queens Crescent.
(37) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Vicarage Lane)	Support - It will enhance traffic calming and make crossing safer especially for slow moving pedestrians
(38) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Chapelwick Close)	Support - If you are building a new school there then there must be a crossing for the families to cross safely

(39) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Charlbury Road)	Support - Having a child that crosses the road regularly
(40) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Close)	Support - To help with Safety on a busy road that is getting more dangerous
(41) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Colton Road)	Support - Traffic on this road is fast and quite busy. At least two zebra crossings ought to be present: one near Queens Drive and one opposite the Rec/Memorial Hall where traffic at the triangle fail to properly slow down at the junction. Very dangerous.
(42) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Cowleaze Close)	Support - I want my son to be safe as he will need to use the proposed zebra crossing to get to the new primary school
(43) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Cozens Grove)	Support - Needs to be safer for children!
(44) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Fairthorne Way)	Support - This road needs a safe crossing especially for children going to the new school
(45) Local Resident, (Shrivenham High Street)	Support - Fast dangerous road
(46) Local Resident, (Shrivenham Highworth Road)	Support - The road is an accident waiting to happen. There a park and a new school being built on this road and the cars come flying down. A zebra crossing is desperately needed.
(47) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Highworth Road)	Support - It's very much needed to help slow the traffic and safety for pedestrians
(48) Local Resident, (Shrivenham , Martens Close)	Support - It is vital because we need a safe way for Shrivenham children to get to school.
(49) Local Resident, (Shrivenham)	Support - Road Safety in an ever increasing busy village
(50) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Queens Crescent)	Support - The road is dangerous . Pedestrians crossing cannot see cars coming it's only a matter or time before someone is hit

(51) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Sandhill)	Support - To make a dangerous road safer. It can be difficult to cross as cars drive too fast.
(52) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Sandhill)	Support - Very popular to cross by the rec and by cross trees. Strongly support!!!!
(53) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Stainswick Lane)	Support - Our village has grown and there is more traffic. Moore people need to cross this busy road, including schoolchildren.
(54) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, Stallpits road)	Support - Highworth Road is dangerous to cross and with the new school being built it is necessary for the safety of children.
(55) Local Resident, (Shrivenham, West End Road)	Support - Supporting for residents safety
(56) Local Resident, (Shrivhenham, Farrington Road)	Support - To make it safe for children to cross