CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 13 SEPTEMBER 2018

UPPER HEYFORD – CAMP ROAD – PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING & TRAFFIC CALMING

Report by Director for Infrastructure Delivery

Introduction

1. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to provide a zebra crossing east of the current junction with Dow Street and traffic calming measures west of the current junction with Wellington Road on Camp Road.

Background

2. The proposals as shown at Annex 1 have been put forward because of development on the northern and southern sides of Camp Road.

Consultation

- 3. Formal consultation on the proposal was carried out between 14 June and 13 July 2018. A public notice was placed in the Bicester Advertiser newspaper and sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Cherwell District Council and Upper Heyford Parish Council and local County Councillor. Street notices were also placed in the vicinity of the proposals.
- 4. Four responses were received in total. 2 in support (50%), 1 objecting (25%) and 1 non-objection from Thames Valley Police.
- 5. The responses are summarised at Annex 2. Copies of the full responses are available for inspection by County Councillors if required.

Response to objections and other comments

- 6. Thames Valley Police did not object to the proposals.
- 7. The objection from Upper Heyford Parish Council, which was also expressed as an objection from the Heyford Park Residents Association was on the grounds that they considered that a much higher priority would be for a zebra crossing to be provided by the Heyford Free School site to assist the many school children crossing here, rather than as an objection to the proposed crossing and calming measures. The possibility of providing a crossing by the school is being actively investigated but the developer funding available for

the measures as has been consulted on cannot be re-allocated to fund the crossing by the school.

8. The expressions of support for the proposals from two members of the public are noted.

How the Project supports LTP4 Objectives

9. The proposals would help facilitate the safe movement of pedestrians and traffic in the immediate vicinity of the new development.

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

10. Funding for the proposals has been provided by the developer of the adjacent land.

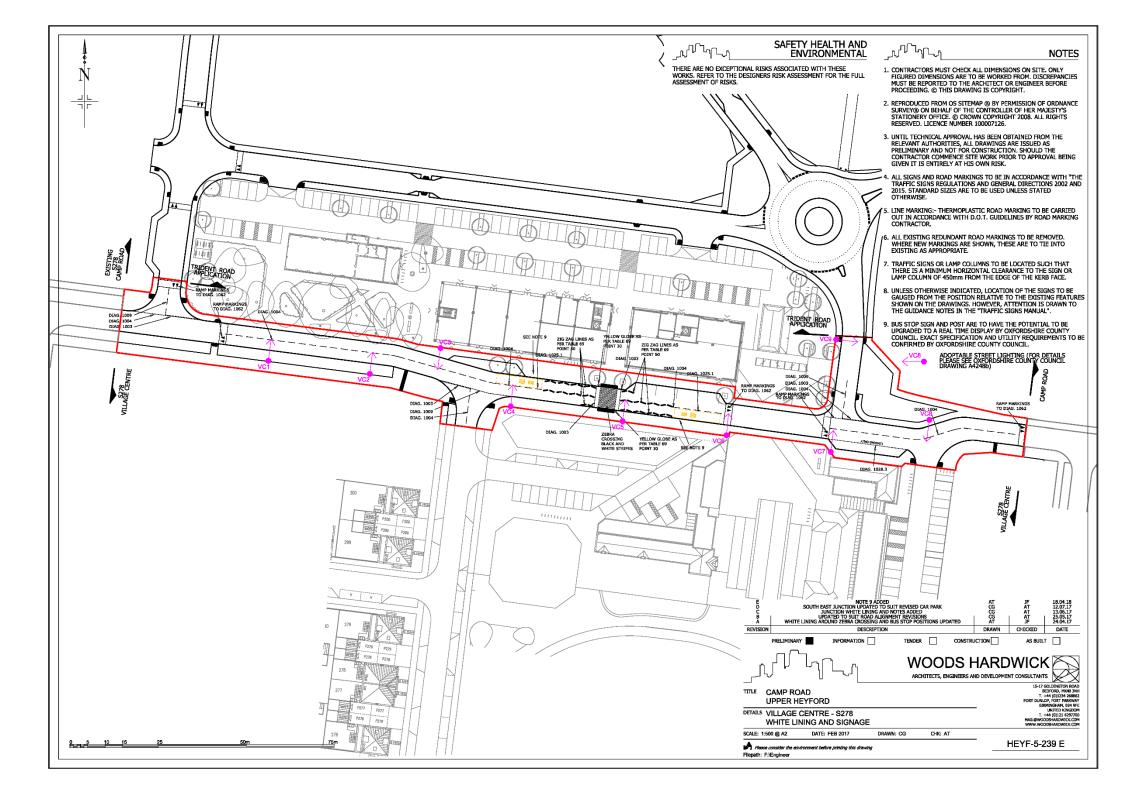
RECOMMENDATION

11. The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve proposals to provide a zebra crossing east of the current junction with Dow Street and traffic calming measures west of the current junction with Wellington Road on Camp Road as advertised.

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Background papers:	Plan of proposed zebra crossing Consultation responses
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RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	No objection - The road is 30mph with street lighting with much new development. The desire lines will evolve and are not firmly set but it is likely the location of the crossing will serve the community. I have no road safety concerns and therefore Thames Valley Police have no objection to the proposals.
(2) Upper Heyford Parish Council	 Object - We strongly object to this application being considered at least two years in advance of when crossing will be useful (When the Village Centre North scheme is finally built) when there has been no action on the critical requirement for a safe crossing at the Heyford Park Free School. The school is operating with a split campus and children are required to cross Camp Road throughout the day. It beggars belief that anyone would want to advance this proposal before the school crossing is sorted. Please ensure this objection is lodged on behalf of the Upper Heyford Parish Council and the Heyford Park Residents Association.
(3) Online Response, (unknown)	 <u>Zebra Crossing</u> - Support – Heyford Park is in desperate need of a safe crossing route for general pedestrians and most significantly for school children. Children travel independently between campuses day in day out and need safe crossings. In addition many primary children commute on foot. <u>Traffic Calming</u> – Support – Too many vehicles do not adhere to the speed limit, or undertake any safe driving practices. Any measures to control this should be expedited.
(3) Online Response, (unknown)	<u>Zebra Crossing</u> - Support – My children attend Heyford Park Free School and I have seen some very dangerous driving on camp road. The community is growing fast and we need to make sure that our roads are safe for our children to cross. It is a nightmare to cross the road outside the school. Unless it's a parent that has dropped their child off at school no one lets you cross the road as they are busy rushing to work. This crossing needs to happen ASAP. The roads have been ruined by all the heavy lorries that use the road. They have made pot holes and I nearly got hit by another car because they decided to swerve to avoid it. At the end of the day workmen are in a rush to go home

and they don't care how fast they drive. I think a speed camera is needed.
Traffic Calming – Support – Definitely need speed humps but I hope they are better than the ones already in place.