

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

30 July 2013

Report of the Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services

**HAWKSLEY AVENUE BETWEEN THE JUNCTIONS OF
AVONDALE ROAD AND FAIRFIELD ROAD, CHESTERFIELD –
PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING**

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To consider the objections and comments received following consultations on the provision of a Zebra Crossing on Hawksley Avenue between the junctions of Avondale Road and Fairfield Road, Chesterfield.

(2) **Information and Analysis** The crossing is intended to enhance the safety of pedestrians using Hawksley Avenue as a walking route into the Town Centre. The location of the crossing would also aid crossing school children attending St Mary's Roman Primary Catholic School situated on Cross Street and Abercrombie School off Higher Albert Street. There is also a Tennis Club on Hawksley Avenue, which has had sporting links with the St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School in the recent past.

Consultations were carried out between 10 January and 1 February 2013 including a letter drop to affected frontages, and letters to the Chief Constable, County Members and other statutory consultees. A notice was also placed on the street and in the local press (see appendix 1 for details). The Secretary of State for Transport has been informed as required by Section 23 (2) (c) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Following this process, two objections have been received and include the following comments:

- The plateau is not necessary.
- The resources used for the introduction of a plateau would be better allocated to road repairs.
- The location of the Zebra Crossing is a hazard due to the close proximity of two junctions.
- The existing bus stop on the approach to the Zebra Crossing is an additional hazard.
- The Zebra crossing should be located on Hawksley Avenue nearer to Newbold Back Lane.

- The plateau located on Hawksley Avenue, nearer to Newbold Back Lane, would be a useful speed reduction measure.
- If a Zebra Crossing is not suitable nearer Newbold Back Lane, perhaps a central refuge island could be considered.
- Vibration associated with a plateau can cause damage to neighbouring buildings.

Officer Comment

It is considered that the crossing will be a valuable contribution to road safety and will help to assist people crossing Hawksley Avenue. The crossing will also provide assistance for school children attending St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School on Cross Street and Abercrombie School, just off Higher Albert Street. This may encourage more pupils and their parents to walk to school which has environmental and health benefits.

The proposed scheme included the provision of a plateau in association with the Zebra Crossing. The downside to the vertical traffic calming features is that they do result in minor increases in noise, especially when larger vehicles travel over them. Research suggests, however, that if they are constructed in accordance with legislation such levels are negligible.

In light of the objections received, officers have reviewed the need for a plateau in association with the Zebra Crossing. The speed survey data, carried out on 31 January 2013, has identified the 85%ile 25.49mph (towards the Town Centre) and 25.57mph towards Newbold Road. The mean speed readings are 21.55mph and 21.44mph. Bearing the speed survey information and future maintenance liabilities of a plateau feature in mind, officers now consider the plateau can be omitted from the scheme.

It is difficult to identify a focal point for pedestrians wishing to cross Hawksley Avenue. However, correspondence received in the past regarding school journeys to and from Abercrombie and St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School have identified the difficulties crossing Hawksley Avenue.

The location of the proposed Zebra Crossing meets current design guidance, has suitable visibility and is located a sufficient distance away from the junction of both Avondale Road and Fairfield Road.

An added benefit with the proposed location of the Zebra Crossing is that on-street parking does not take place here. Therefore, on-street parking will not be displaced onto the surrounding streets.

Officers will investigate the feasibility of providing a pedestrian refuge island on Hawksley Avenue near the junction of Newbold Back Lane.

Local Member Comment

Councillor Mihaly was consulted and commented "*I think it is a much needed facility. My only concerns (not objections) are closeness to junctions at Avondale rd and in particular Fairfield rd; and impact for residents near site re lots of people at certain times.*"

(3) **Financial Considerations** The cost of the scheme, estimated at £20,000, is to be met from the approved Capital Budget 2012/13.

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

(4) **Key Decision** No.

(5) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(6) **Background Papers** Held on file in the Traffic and Safety Section of the Environmental Services Department. Officer contact details – Lee Wright, extension 38674.

(7) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That:

7.1 The Authority proceeds with the introduction of the proposed Zebra Crossing on Hawksley Avenue between the junctions of Avondale Road and Fairfield Road, Chesterfield.

7.2 The plateau feature associated with the Zebra Crossing be removed.

7.3 The local Member and objectors be informed accordingly.

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See Attached List

File Copy.

Dear

HAWKSLEY AVENUE, CHESTERFIELD – Provision of Humped Zebra Crossing

Please find enclosed an A3 copy of drawing number: **A3/030134/3CONS** indicating the proposed construction of a plateau zebra crossing in the location shown.

The scheme is programmed for the current financial year and I shall be pleased to receive any comments you may have on these proposals prior to Friday, 1 February 2013.

Yours sincerely

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THE DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(HAWKSLEY AVENUE, CHESTERFIELD)
CONSTRUCTION OF
SPEED REDUCING MEASURES

Notice is hereby given that the Derbyshire County Council in exercise of its powers conferred by Sections 90A – 90I of the Highways Act 1980 propose to “traffic calm” the above length of road.

The effect will be to construct:

One number 70mm high raised Plateau Zebra Crossing on Hawksley Avenue, Chesterfield.

A plan showing the intended location of this feature can be viewed at the offices of the Derbyshire County Council, Main Reception, County Hall, Matlock between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, and at Chesterfield Library, Local Studies Library, New Beetwell Street, Chesterfield, Monday to Friday 9am to 7pm, and Saturday 9am to 4pm until 1 February 2013.

All objections and other representations to the proposal must be made in writing and all objections must state the grounds on which they are made and be sent to the Strategic Director of Environmental Services, Derbyshire County Council, Station Road, Darley Dale, DE4 2EQ (For Attention of Consulting and Contracting – Highways Team) by 1 February 2013.

Dated: 10 January 2013.

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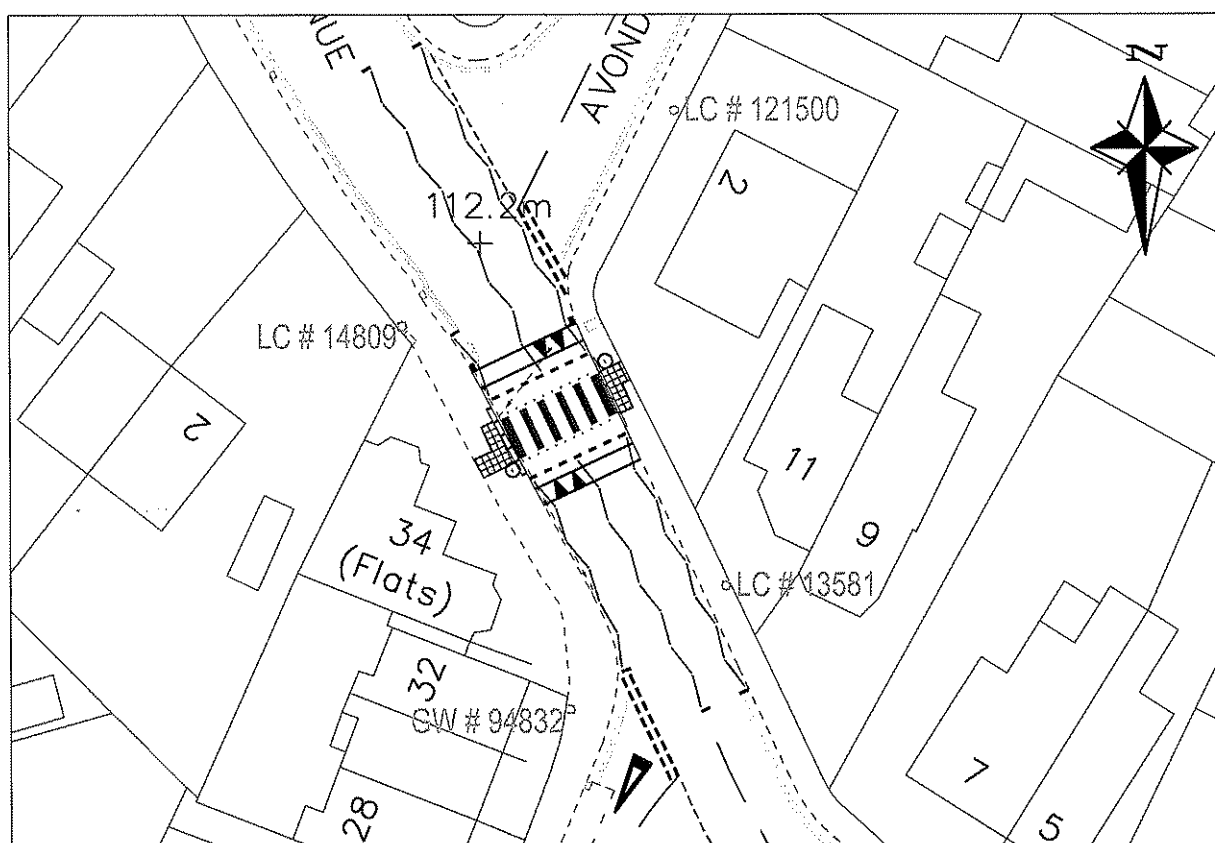
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Provision of Zebra Pedestrian Crossing

Hawksley Avenue, Chesterfield

Notice is hereby given that it is proposed to provide a Zebra pedestrian crossing at the above location.

The crossing will incorporate a controlled area shown by zig-zag markings where parking and loading is prohibited.

Further details are available from my office.



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Proposed Zebra Crossing

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NORTH EASTERN NETWORK MANAGEMENT



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PROJECT TITLE
HAWKSLEY AVENUE,
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DRAWING TITLE
ZEBRA CROSSING
CONSULTATION

AMENDMENT DETAILS				BY	CHKD	APVD	DATE	NO.
DRAWN TJF		CHECKED CMA		APPROVED CMA				
Date Dec 2012		Date Dec 2012		Date Dec 2012				
DCE Project Reference No.				12-030134		SCALE Not to Scale		
Drawing Number		A4/030134/4CONS						
XREFS:				ORIGINAL DRAWING SIZE 297 x 210 (A4)				

COMPUTER REFERENCE NO.