

OFFICER DECISION REPORT – ZEBRA PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

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APPROVAL TO PUBLICLY ADVERTISE THE TRO

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Traffic Group

TITLE OF REPORT: Lansdown Road, Bath (adjacent to St. Stephen's Church)

PROPOSAL: Zebra pedestrian crossing (on a raised table)

SCHEME REF No: 24-002

REPORT AUTHOR: Neil Terry

1. DELEGATION

The delegation to be exercised in this report is contained within **Part 3, Section 4** of the Constitution under the **Delegation of Functions to Officers**, as follows:

Section A	The Chief Executive, Strategic Directors, Divisional Directors and Heads of Service have delegated power to take any decision falling within their area of responsibility...."
Section B	Without prejudice to the generality of this, Officers are authorised to: serve any notices and make, amend or revoke any orders falling within his/her area of responsibility.
Section D9	An Officer to whom a power, duty or function is delegated may nominate or authorise another Officer to exercise that power, duty or function, provided that Officer reports to or is responsible to the delegator.

For the purposes of this report, the Director of Place Management holds the delegated power to make, amend or revoke any Orders.

2. LEGAL AUTHORITY

This proposal is made in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which under Section 23 enables local highway authorities to establish crossings for pedestrians.

This proposal is also made in accordance with The Highways Act 1980 Section 90A which permits a highway authority to both construct and remove road humps in a public road, for which they are the highway authority, if the highway is subject to a legal speed limit for motor vehicles of 30 miles per hour or less or the road humps are specially authorised by the Secretary of State.

3. **PROPOSAL**

To install a zebra pedestrian crossing on Lansdown Road, to the north of its junction with Richmond Road, adjacent to St. Stephen's Church. The proposal is shown on the attached drawing.

4. **BACKGROUND**

Parents and children heading to and from St. Stephen's Primary School routinely cross Lansdown Road in the vicinity of St. Stephen's Church, with many using the unadopted pedestrian route which passes through the gardens of the Church. Clearly, the Church also attracts pedestrian activity throughout the week.

There are inbound and outbound bus stops in Lansdown Road to the north of its junction with Richmond Road, so a pedestrian crossing in this location would also aid pedestrians using public transport along Lansdown Road.

There is an existing pedestrian refuge island at the junction which would need to be reduced in size, but it is considered that a traffic island should remain in place to continue to regulate vehicle turning movements. There is no intention for this island to be designed for use by pedestrians.

To ensure that appropriate visibility to and from the proposed zebra crossing is achieved, the carriageway is proposed to be narrowed on both sides. This would also ensure that there would be no impact on on-street parking provision for local residents, as the proposed crossing is located within a Residents' Parking Zone.

The zebra pedestrian crossing is also proposed to be introduced on a raised table to further regulate vehicle speeds on both approaches. If the zebra crossing is approved, this feature will be designed in accordance with good practice, in order to reduce the impact on public transport vehicles.

The existing 20mph speed limit on Lansdown Road currently commences where the zebra crossing is proposed to be introduced. Whilst it is considered that the proposed zebra crossing will help to create a more effective 'gateway' into the reduced speed limit, the extent of the existing 20mph speed limit will be informally monitored and reviewed if necessary.

5. **SOURCE OF FINANCE**

This proposal is being funded through the 2024/25 Transport Improvement Programme.

6. **CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT**

The proposal requires informal consultation with the Chief Constable, Ward Members, Parking Services, and the Cabinet Member for Transport.

7. **COMMENTS RECEIVED TO DATE**

Chief Constable

The proposal should meet the aspirations behind its introduction.

Will the existing road markings (drop off point, bus cage and waiting restrictions) be refreshed where applicable as part of these proposals?

Officer response:

If the zebra crossing is approved for introduction, the opportunity will be taken to refresh other road markings in the immediate vicinity.

Parking Services

Thanks for this. Whilst I'm no engineer, I presume there are no concerns regard the impact on the number 31 P&R service with the provision of the raised table at this location?

I also note that the junction is being reconfigured. I fed back at Sage that we do on occasion suspend the upper most permit bays on Lansdown Road (especially during the busy Christmas Market period) to facilitate service 31 movements. The new kerb lines may impact how the PR service positions itself at this junction, have we tracking to confirm that the bays opposite won't cause any issues with the bus swinging out and down into Lansdown Road?

Officer response:

The proposed speed table will be designed in accordance with best practice for public transport vehicles (6m long table minimum, appropriate ramp gradient), and the revised shape of the traffic island reflects the tracking of a bus. As you know, the shape of the existing island, and the adjacent parking, can cause some difficulties in the current arrangement.

Ward Members

Councillor Lucy Hodge:

I am happy for the TRO to proceed with the associated drawing.

Councillor Mark Elliott:

Thanks for the TRO Report and drawing. I'm very happy for this to proceed - I think the revised design looks really good.

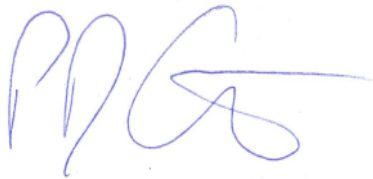
Thanks for your work on it.

Cabinet Member for Highways:

I am very happy for this to proceed, thank you.

8. RECOMMENDATION

As no significant objections and/or comments have been received following the informal consultation described above, the public advertisement of the Traffic Regulation Order should progress.



Paul Garrod
Traffic Management & Network Manager

Date: 30th April 2024

9. DECISION

As the officer holding the above delegation, I approve the progression of this Traffic Regulation Order.

In taking this decision, I confirm that due regard has been given to the Council's public sector equality duty, which requires it to consider and think about how its policies or decisions may affect people who are protected under the Equality Act.



Chris Major
Director for Place Management

Date: 03/05/24