

OFFICER DECISION REPORT – NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

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PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION

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TITLE OF REPORT: Bloomfield Road
PROPOSAL: Zebra pedestrian crossings
SCHEME REF No: 24-034
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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 and the Head of Highways Delivery hold 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.

3. **PROPOSAL**

The proposed scheme is located along Bloomfield Road in Bath between the junction with the A367 Wellsway, just south of Bear Flat, and the junction between Bloomfield Road and Bloomfield Drive, approximately 1.2km to the southwest.

The wider scheme proposals include the introduction of a zebra pedestrian crossing between Bloomfield Green and the A367, and the upgrading of two existing pedestrian refuge islands to Zebra pedestrian crossings. The first of these refuge islands is located between St Luke's Road and Bloomfield Park, and the second is situated just south of the junction between Bloomfield Road and Englishcombe Lane and Hatfield Road. These upgrades are intended to improve pedestrian safety and ease of crossing and will include the removal of the existing central pedestrian refuge island in both cases.

The installation of advisory parking bays is also planned for the section of Bloomfield Road between Bloomfield Drive and Westfield House. These bays will provide designated parking areas to help manage parking, deter parking on the footway, and help to reduce vehicle speeds.

The proposals also include the removal of the carriageway centreline along sections where it is deemed appropriate.

Please note that this particular report only relates to the two zebra pedestrian crossings which are proposed to replace the existing refuge islands. The proposed zebra crossing between Bloomfield Green and the A367 will be the subject of a further report.

4. **REASON**

Please refer to the Statement of Reasons.

The Council has had in mind and discharged the duty (as set out in section 122(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984) to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) so far as practicable. It has also had regard to the factors which point in favour of imposing a restriction on that movement. It has balanced the various considerations and concluded that it is appropriate to propose the Order in question. The Council has also considered and discharged its network management duty under section 16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004. It has concluded that the proposed Order is consistent with that duty, having regard to its other policies and objectives.

5. IMPACT ON EQUALITIES

An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken in relation to the introduction of traffic management measures, and pedestrian crossing facilities, copies of which are available on request. The Council has had due regard to the needs set out in section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010. It considers that the proposed Order is consistent with the section 149 public sector equality duty, which it has discharged.

6. IMPACT ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The proposals are considered to have a minimal impact on human rights (such as the right to respect for private and family life and the right to peaceful enjoyment of property). However, the Council is entitled to affect these rights where it is in accordance with the law, necessary (in the interests of public safety or economic well-being, to prevent disorder and crime, to protect health, or to protect the rights and freedoms of others) in pursuit of a legitimate aim, and proportionate to do so. The proposals within this report are considered to be in accordance with the law, necessary, in pursuit of a legitimate aim and proportionate.

7. SOURCE OF FINANCE

The scheme is included in the 2024/25 Local Active Travel and Safety Programme.

8. CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT

The proposal requires consultation with the Chief Constable, Emergency Services, Road Haulage Association, Freight Transport Association (Logistics UK), Parking Services, Waste Services, Ward Members and the Cabinet Member for Highways.

PROPOSAL APPROVED FOR PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION



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