

OFFICER DECISION REPORT – TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO)

PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION (Cabinet Member for Highways)

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PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Traffic Group

TITLE OF REPORT: A362 Frome Road, Radstock
PROPOSAL: Parallel Zebra Pedestrian Crossing
SCHEME REF No: 24-040
REPORT AUTHOR: Gina West

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 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.

3. PROPOSAL

A new parallel zebra pedestrian crossing is proposed to be installed near the roundabout on A362 Frome Road, north of its junction with Nelson Ward Drive,

outside Snap Fitness Radstock.

Drawing - TCH00015-01 / GA / Rev B

4. REASON

Funding has been secured to install a parallel zebra pedestrian crossing. This proposal aims to improve pedestrian / cyclists access to local amenities and encourage active travel.

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 new parallel crossing. It has balanced the various considerations and concluded that it is appropriate to promote a new parallel crossing. 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 parallel crossing 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 pedestrian crossing facilities, which is available upon 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 proposal(s) 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 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.

9. **COMMENTS RECEIVED TO DATE**

Chief Constable - Thank you for your email and attachments regarding the proposed parallel zebra crossing on Frome Road, Radstock near the roundabout on A362 Frome Road, north of its junction with Nelson Ward Drive, outside Snap Fitness, Radstock, as shown on the attached drawing.

It is understood from both the Officer Decision: Preliminary Consultation Report and the Statement of Reasons provided that *“A new parallel crossing is proposed to be installed near the roundabout on A362 Frome Road, north of its junction with Nelson Ward Drive, outside Snap Fitness Radstock.”* and that *“Funding has been secured to install a new parallel zebra pedestrian crossing. This proposal aims to improve pedestrian / cyclists access to local amenities and encourage active travel.”*

It is noted that the position of the proposed parallel zebra crossing is where there is currently an informal pedestrian crossing with a central island. It is also noted that the location is on one arm of the adjacent roundabout and that traffic exiting from the joining roads to negotiate the roundabout may not have an awareness of the proximity of the parallel zebra crossing, as it will be outside of their sight line as they negotiate the roundabout. Will signage on the approaches to the roundabout, particularly for traffic turning left from The Street, be used to rectify this?

The proposal should meet the aspirations behind its introduction.

Emergency Services – No comment.

Road Haulage Association – No comment.

Freight Transport Association – No comment.

Parking Services – No comment.

Waste Services – No comment.

Ward Members – No comment.

Councillor Christopher Dando – No comment.

Councillor Lesley Mansell – No comment.

REPORT APPROVED FOR CIRCULATION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR
HIGHWAYS

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'PDG', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Paul Garrod
Traffic Management and Network Manager

Date: 21st January 2025