

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
Pendle East

Proposed Zebra Crossing Skipton Road, Colne
(Appendices 'A' and 'B' refer)

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Executive Summary

This report sets out a proposal to provide a zebra crossing on Skipton Road, Colne, to which objections have been received.

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport is asked to give approval for the introduction of a zebra crossing as advertised and set out on the drawings attached at Appendices 'A' and 'B'.

Background and Advice

Skipton Road (A56) is a busy main road which is at times difficult to cross safely. This was confirmed by the 5 year accident history (2010 to 2014) revealing one serious and 5 slight injury collisions occurring at this location.

The serious incident involved a motorcycle rider colliding with a right turning vehicle. Two incidents involved child pedestrians running out across Skipton Road between parked or stopped vehicles. A number of incidents occurred due to poor visibility at the cross roads. The Local Highway Safety Team has requested that a zebra crossing be provided on Skipton Road, Colne in the vicinity of Varley Street/Chatham Street.

Colne Park High School on Venables Avenue lies to the east of the Skipton Road attracting pupils from the residential area to the west of Skipton Road. The high traffic flows on the Skipton Road makes the walk to and from school a safety concern. In addition to the school, the local community makes use of the playground/playing fields on the eastern side of Skipton Road and the local convenience store on the corner of Varley Street/Skipton Road. A pedestrian survey has revealed the desire line to be from the south of Chatham Street to the south of Varley Street. A

zebra crossing would safely cater for these movements, and assist in particular young children or those less mobile pedestrians.

The works include measures to enhance the inter-visibility between pedestrians using the crossing and motorists on Skipton Road. The line markings at the Chatham Street junction will be brought forward to improve visibility for traffic emerging from this junction, and on street vehicle parking will be prohibited either side of the new crossing through the use of zigzag markings. These have been chosen such that they are effective yet minimise loss of kerbside parking for local residents and passers-by.

Consultations

The proposal for the zebra crossing was advertised between 26 August and 3 October 2016. County and Borough Councillors, local residents, Lancashire Constabulary and cycle representatives were consulted on the scheme and objections have been received.

- **Objections**

Two local residents objected to the scheme as they are concerned about the loss of on street parking to themselves, their neighbours and visitors to their properties with the establishment of the zebra crossing.

- **Response**

There is no automatic right to park on the highway and the provision of such amenity has to be balanced against the needs of other highway users. The zebra crossing is positioned to improve the safety of pedestrians' particularly young children or those less mobile who wish to cross Skipton Road. The pedestrian crossing survey has confirmed that the ideal position is south of Chatham Street fulfilling the movements to the nearby school, playground/local amenity and corner shop.

It is therefore recommended that the zebra crossing is approved as advertised as shown on the scheme drawings attached at Appendices 'A' and 'B'.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

No significant risks have been identified in relation to the proposals contained within this report. A zebra crossing will provide a safer location to cross at all times, not just at school opening and closing times. These facilities will provide greater inter-visibility between vehicles and pedestrians and should help to reduce conflict between vehicles and vulnerable users.

Financial

It is proposed that the scheme is funded from the previously approved 2016/17 Road Safety allocation. The works should be delivered within the remaining allocation of £37,941. The Project ID for this scheme is 2780.

Legal

Notice has been given in accordance with the provisions of section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

List of Background Papers

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
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