

REPORT TO THE HEAD OF HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE
REPRESENTATIONS TO AN ADVERTISED SECTION 23 AND SECTION 90A NOTICE

The Metropolitan Borough of Solihull

Proposed Installation of a Raised Zebra Crossing
High Street, Solihull Lodge

16/09/2024

LEAD OFFICER: Eleanor Rowson

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To consider representations received to the proposed installation of a raised zebra crossing on High Street, Solihull Lodge.

2. Background

High Street located in Solihull Lodge is a busy local residential road situated within the Shirley West Ward and located on the administrative boundary between Solihull and Birmingham. It is primarily residential in nature.

An existing uncontrolled crossing point is present on High Street, immediately east of the junction with Prince of Wales Road. Traffic and pedestrian surveys have been undertaken at the site. The results justified the need to upgrade the uncontrolled crossing point to a raised zebra crossing. The scheme for a controlled crossing to be implemented under the Local Network Improvement Plan 2024 / 2025 was approved at the Cabinet Decision Session for Economy & Infrastructure on Thursday 15th February 2024.

3. Matters for Consideration

- 3.1. The proposals were formally advertised on Friday 5th July 2024 and the closing date for receipt of representations was Friday 26th July 2024.
- 3.2. Seven people were in overall support of the scheme, however all raised concerns regarding the relocation of the bus stop to outside 291 High Street.
- 3.3. It is noted that no objections were made against the proposed raised zebra crossing.

4. Ward Members' Views

- 4.1. The Ward Members for Shirley West were informed of the proposals prior to the advertising of the notice and did not submit any objections.

5. Officer Recommendation

- 5.1. Further to concerns raised against the relocation of a single bus stop; Officers investigated several options which could alleviate some of the issues that had been raised by residents.
- 5.2. A potential solution was to relocate the existing bus stop to a new location outside 293 High Street. The new location will help to allay residents' concerns raised regarding the original position of the bus stop.

5.3. Ward members and residents will be notified of the change in position of the bus stop via email and letter drop respectively prior to construction taking place.

6. Democratic Services

6.1. Democratic Services have confirmed that the notice was subject to the statutory advertisement on the dates reported and that representations were received as noted above.

7. Risk Implications

7.1. The Corporate Risk Management Approach has been complied with to identify and assess the significant risks associated with this decision/project. This includes (but is not limited to) political, legislation and reputation risks.

7.2. The Approach is not intended to eliminate all risks and not all the risks identified can be managed all of the time. Also, risks will still exist that have not been identified.

8. For decision

8.1. The Head of Highway Infrastructure is asked to approve that:
Proposed Installation of the Raised Zebra Crossing and bus stop relocation as per the attached plan No: 236221-SMBC-GEN-DR-P-0001 is implemented.

The recommendation as set out above is hereby approved:

Signature: ... Date: 30/09/2024.....

**Dean Ward
Head of Highway Infrastructure**