

	<h2>Hendon Area Committee</h2> <h3>19 March 2019</h3>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Title</b></p>	<p><b>Bell Lane/ Green Lane, NW4- Request for zebra crossing facility</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Report of</b></p>	<p>Strategic Director for Environment</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Wards</b></p>	<p>Hendon</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Status</b></p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Urgent</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Key</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Enclosures</b></p>	<p><b>Drawings: BC/001143-15-12-100-01</b></p>
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<h2>Summary</h2>
<p>This report details the outcome of the Statutory consultation on the proposals to improve road safety on Bell Lane including installing a zebra crossing opposite Bell Lane Primary School and considers the representations received.</p>

<h2>Officer Recommendations</h2>
<p>1. That the Hendon Area Committee notes the outcome of the Statutory Consultation on The Bell Lane zebra crossing and the review of the improvements as outlined in this report and depicted on drawings BC/001143-15-12-100-01.</p>
<p>2. That the Hendon Area Committee agrees to progress with implementation of the zebra crossing on Bell Lane opposite Bell Lane Primary School, in the proposed location on drawings BC/001143-15-12-100-01.</p>
<p>3. That the Hendon Area Committee notes that the Bell Lane Zebra Crossing is being Installed with Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding 2018/19 and 2019/20 and that no additional funding is required from the Hendon Area Committee CIL Budget.</p>

## 1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 Following a petition by residents in October 2016, and with local Ward Member support, the Hendon Area Committee discussed the options for introducing measures to improve road safety at the corner between Bell Lane and Green Lane, including installing a zebra crossing facility.
- 1.2 The Officers recommendation was to construct the zebra crossing opposite property no. 74. However, as part of the design development, lighting design was carried out to determine the lighting levels following installation of the zebra crossing and it was identified that the proposed location would not meet the Street Lighting requirements. Therefore, a decision was taken to investigate options to install the zebra crossing in an alternative location.
- 1.3 It is noted in paragraph 1.2 above as to why the previously identified location is not suitable, and following a site visit with the street lighting contractors, alternative locations for a zebra crossing on Bell Lane have been considered. The preferred location is opposite Bell Lane Primary School due to the pedestrian desire line and the existing lighting column layout which is ideal for a crossing point. In addition, a “zebra crossing ahead” warning sign is to be installed on Green Lane.
- 1.4 On 29 November 2018, a second statutory consultation was carried out on proposals to install the zebra crossing with associated dropped kerbs, tactile paving and belisha beacons opposite Bell Lane Primary School. In addition, it was proposed to amend the existing “SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR” road markings to accommodate zig-zag hazard markings to improve road safety.
- 1.5 A total of 197 properties situated in the vicinity of the scheme including Bell Lane Primary School received a hand delivered letter and plans illustrating the scheme. Six objections which are summarised in Table 1 below were received for the scheme.

**Table 1 – Consultation Responses**

<b>Resident</b>	<b>Summary</b>
Resident 1	The resident was concerned about the parking situation and requested a new Controlled Parking Zone on Bell Lane.
Resident 2	The resident objected to the location of the zebra crossing.
Resident 3,4,5 and 6	The residents objected to the scheme due to the limited parking spaces on Bell Lane

- 1.6 Following the statutory consultation, a petition was also received which detailed objections to the zebra crossing with concerns such as the impact the proposals will have on the elderly and loss of parking. The petition which had 192 signatures was reported to the Hendon Residents Forum on the 9 January 2019. A representative of the lead petitioner spoke in relation to the petition, which was noted.
- 1.7 Officers explained that the options surrounding the location for the Zebra Crossing on Bell Lane had recently undergone a consultation and the results of this consultation were now been reviewed.
- 1.8 Officers explained that once the review had been completed, residents and the lead petitioner would be contacted and notified of the next stage in the process. A report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Hendon Area Committee for Members to make the final decisions on the plans.
- 1.9 The location of the crossing has been revisited in light of the petition received.
- 1.10 As previously mentioned in this the report and in the recommendation below, the proposed location is still considered by Officers to be the most appropriate location for the crossing point. It is acknowledged that the provision of the zebra crossing may cause an inconvenience to some residents due to the loss of parking. However, it is believed that the improvements to pedestrian road safety such as assisting the high number of school children crossing the road outweigh any dis-benefits.

## **2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The current pedestrian desire line is influenced by the schools in the vicinity and consequently, many children are crossing the roads. This information was used to determine the location of the zebra crossing. The schools are:
  - Bell Lane Primary School;
  - Beth Jacob Grammar School for Girls;
  - The Independent Jewish Day School;
  - Hendon School.
- 2.2 As part of the design development of the scheme, road safety audit was carried out to ensure the proposals address the pedestrian and traffic safety concerns.
- 2.3 It is acknowledged that the provision of the zebra crossing may inconvenience some residents due to the loss of parking, However, it is believed that the improvements to pedestrian road safety such as assisting the high number of school children crossing the road outweigh any potential dis-benefits.
- 2.4 Also, the location of the proposed zebra crossing would involve the least amount of parking loss on Bell Lane, the proposed zig zag lines would replace the existing "School Keep Clear" markings and the parking bay on the northern footway are to be cut back by only 4m.

2.5 The Officers recommendation is to construct a zebra crossing opposite Bell Lane Primary school in the proposed location as per the attached BC/001143-15-12-100-01.

### **3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED**

3.1 Additional options were originally presented to the Hendon Area Committee on 2 May 2017 but not recommended for progression.

### **4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

4.1 Implementation would follow once any issues have been considered and resolved where possible.

### **5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

#### **5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance**

5.1.1 The scheme will help to address the Corporate Plan delivery objectives of “a clean and attractive environment, with well-maintained roads and pavements, flowing traffic”, “Barnet’s children and young people will receive a great start in life”, “Barnet will be amongst the safest places in London” and “a responsible approach to regeneration, with thousands of new homes built” by helping residents to feel confident walking to school, helping to reduce traffic congestion.

5.1.2 Improvements that encourage walking or other active travel will help to deliver the active travel and recreation opportunities identified in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy for children and the population generally.

5.1.3 The Joint Strategic Needs also identifies that encouraging travel by foot, bicycle or public transport could drive good lifestyle behaviours and reduced demand for health and social care services.

#### **5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

5.2.1 London Highways Alliance (LOHAC) schedule of rates have been used to carry out a preliminary high-level cost estimate for installing a zebra crossing as shown below in Table 2.

**Table 2 – Zebra Crossing Cost Estimate**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Estimated costs</b>
<b>Area Committee Funded</b>	
Detailed Design (Includes statutory processes, STATS searches, advertising, public consultation, safety audits etc.)	£8 000
<b>LIP 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 Funding</b>	
Build Cost	£20,000
Sub-TOTAL	£28,000
Implementation & post implementation fee @ 10%	£2,810
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>£30,810</b>

5.2.2 The Implementation of the Zebra Crossing is funded from the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 LIP funding.

5.2.3 That no additional funding is being requested from the Hendon Area Committee CIL Budget.

### 5.3 Social Value

5.3.1 No relevant social value considerations in relation to this work.

### 5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1. The Council's Constitution, in Article 7, states that that Area Committees: "In relation to the area covered have responsibility for all constituency specific matters relating to the street scene including parking, road safety, transport, allotments" parks and trees.

5.4.2. The Traffic Management Act 2004 places obligations on authorities to ensure the expeditious movement of traffic on their road network. Authorities are required to make arrangements as they consider appropriate for planning and carrying out the action to be taken in performing the duty.

### 5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 None in the context of this report. Risk management may be required for work resulting from this report.

### 5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 The Equality Act 2010 outlines at section 149 the provisions of the Public Sector Equalities Duty which requires Public Bodies to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010
- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected

characteristic and persons who do not share it.

5.6.2 The relevant protected characteristics are: gender, race, disability, age, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, religion and belief, and sexual orientation.

5.6.3 The broad purpose of this duty is to integrate considerations of equality into day to day business and keep them under review in decision making, the design of policies and the delivery of services. It is not considered that the decision to agree with the recommendations in this report will affect those with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010.

## **5.7 Corporate Parenting**

5.7.1 Not applicable in the context of this report.

## **5.8 Consultation and Engagement**

5.8.1 Statutory consultation has been carried out on the proposals and the responses which have been reviewed are listed in Table 1 above.

### **5.9.1 Insight**

5.9.1 The proposals have been informed by site, traffic and pedestrian surveys in the vicinity of the proposed crossing point.

## **6 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 October 2016 Hendon Area Committee  
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g8657/Printed%20minutes%2026th-Oct-2016%2019.00%20Hendon%20Area%20Committee.pdf?T=1>

6.2 Link to the petition requesting a Zebra Crossing on Bell Lane  
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s35287/Petitions%20Report.pdf>

6.3 May 2017 Hendon Area Committee  
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g9129/Printed%20minutes%202nd-May-2017%2019.00%20Hendon%20Area%20Committee.pdf?T=1>

6.4 January 2019 Hendon Residents Forum  
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s50856/Decisions%20of%20the%20Hendon%20Residents%20Forum.pdf>

