



Report to Leader (Transport portfolio)

Decision Date:	4 August 2021
Reference number:	TR12.21
Title:	B482 Marlow Road, Stokenchurch raised table zebra crossing
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Ward(s) affected:	Ridgeway West;

Recommendations:

It is recommended that

- a. The Leader approves the implementation of the raised table at the existing zebra crossing point near Hart Moor Close on B482 Marlow Road, Stokenchurch.
- b. Correspondents to the Statutory Consultation are informed of the decision.

Reason for decision: The proposals are supported by key stakeholders and contribute to a safer highway network and environment for all road users.

Executive summary

- 1.1 The proposal is at the request of Buckinghamshire Council's Transport Strategy Team and has been developed with the input of the Parish Council. The opportunity for the proposal has arisen as a S106 agreement / funding has been secured for highway and transport improvements.
- 1.2 It is proposed that a raised speed table is constructed at the existing zebra crossing point, to act as a traffic calming feature near Hart Moor Close on B482 Marlow Road, Stokenchurch. The aim is to improve road safety for vulnerable users and address concerns of inappropriate vehicle speeds.

- 1.3 The proposal has been subject to a Statutory Consultation and is supported by a majority of respondents.

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- 1.4 TfB has been requested by Buckinghamshire Council's Transport Strategy department to engage with Stokenchurch Parish Council to identify a highway safety improvement project, following receipt of a S106 contribution, which is to be used towards improving road safety and improvements to the highway network.
- 1.5 Following engagement with the Parish Council, a concern was raised relating to inappropriate vehicle speeds along B482 Marlow Road. A further concern related to the safety of vulnerable pedestrians using the existing zebra crossing.
- 1.6 Stokenchurch Parish Council requested TfB to consider options to reduce vehicle speeds along this road. A proposal was put forward to the Parish Council which included the construction of a raised table (at the point of the existing zebra crossing) and the installation of vehicle activated signs to remind motorists of the existing speed limit.
- 1.7 The proposals were welcomed and supported by the Parish Council and Buckinghamshire Councils Transport Strategy Team.
- 1.8 TfB therefore proceeded to undertake a Statutory Consultation on the proposals. There were 32 responses to the proposals which are shown as Appendix A and Appendix B.
- 1.9 Following consultation, the Parish Council and Buckinghamshire Councils Transport Strategy Team continue to support the proposals. It is therefore recommended that the proposals are approved for implementation.

Other options considered

- 1.10 Discussions were held between Transport for Buckinghamshire, Local Members and Stokenchurch Parish Council in November 2020 to seek views on various proposals which included a speed limit change and parking restrictions in George Road. Following these discussions, it was agreed by all stakeholders that the proposed raised table on the B482 Marlow Road, Stokenchurch was progressed.

Legal and financial implications

- 1.11 The project is promoted and funded by Buckinghamshire Council Transport Strategy S106, Buckinghamshire Council.
- 1.12 The budget for implementation has been secured by Buckinghamshire Council through S106 funding.

- 1.13 Transport for Buckinghamshire shall follow the procedures as set out by 'The Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999'.

Corporate implications

- 1.14 When the decision is taken and recommendations agreed, the correspondents to the consultation and persons likely to be affected will be informed of the decision made and the representations (if any) considered.
- 1.15 The Highways Act 1980 and 1999 Highways (Road Humps) Regulations place a requirement on the Highway Authority to consult with emergency services and other road users.
- 1.16 Equality and Diversity – Equality Act 2010. This proposal will not have any disproportionate effect upon people with protected characteristics. This project will contribute to a safer highway network for all road users and improve the road crossing facilities provided for wheelchair and pushchair users.

Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

- 1.17 Stokenchurch Parish Council has been consulted and agree / support the implementation of the raised table.
- 1.18 All local Members, community boards, emergency services including Thames Valley Police have been consulted of the above proposals through the Statutory Consultation process. No objections were received.

Communication, engagement & further consultation

- 1.19 In compliance with the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999, a statutory consultation was undertaken between Friday 29th January and Friday 19th February 2021. A summary of the feedback is shown in Appendix A.
- 1.20 Thames Valley Police have no objections to the proposal and provided a detailed response which can be found in Appendix B. Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service and South-Central Ambulance Service have not responded to the proposals.

1.21 The below table provides an overview of the consultation outcome:

Proposals	Unsure about the proposals	Objects to the proposals	Supports the proposals
Do you agree with the proposal Traffic-calming support?	6	9	15

In addition Thames Valley Police confirmed no objection to proposals (See Appendix B)

1.22 Whilst comments ‘not supporting’ the proposals were received, TfB consider the comments focus on requests for alternative or additional traffic calming features to be considered, and do not expressly object to the implementation of the raised table.

1.23 Copies of the statutory consultation documentation can be found on the Buckinghamshire Council website at the following address:
<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/roads-parking/b482-marlow-road-stokenchurch/>

1.24 The area where the traffic calming proposals are situated are within the ~~Buckingham East Ridgeway West electoral division~~ ward which is at the time of the consultation was covered by the following councillors:

- Councillor Graham Peart
- Councillor Carl Etholen
- Councillor Shade Adoh
- Councillor Saeed Saddique

TfB invited all Members to comment on the traffic calming proposals advertised during the statutory consultation. No comments were received.

Post consultation and following the recent elections, Councillor Robert Carington has newly joined this ward and has since been consulted on the proposals. Councillor Carington acknowledged receipt of the consultation documents and no further comment was received

[Report amendments made 28.07.21]

Next steps and review

1.25 All consultees and correspondents to the consultation will be contacted by either email or letter and will be informed of the decision and where they can find the details of the Statutory Consultation and the decision taken. The report will be published on the Council’s webpage.

Background papers

Appendix A: Summary of Objections & Feedback – Stokenchurch raised table zebra crossing

Appendix B: Thames Valley Police Response – Stokenchurch raised table zebra crossing

Appendix C: Consultation Plan – Stokenchurch raised table zebra crossing

Your questions and views (for key decisions)

- 1.26 If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report, please get in touch with the author of this report. If you have any views that you would like the cabinet member to consider please inform the democratic services team. This can be done by telephone 01296 382343 or email democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.