



# Report to Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board

<b>Date:</b>	01/02/2022
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Petition Report: Zebra Crossing on Amersham Road, Beaconsfield</b>
<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	Beaconsfield and Gerrards Cross
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<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>That the Community Board consider the petition, note this report, and determine whether it wishes to further investigate the introduction of a pedestrian crossing on Amersham Road near the junction of Ronald Road.</b>

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 Buckinghamshire Council have received an e-petition requesting a zebra crossing and/or traffic lights to improve the safety of crossing Amersham road near the junction of Ronald Road and Amersham Road and the access to the footpath leading to Seer Green. The petition states that *'the existing pedestrian refuge is not secure enough because traffic is heavy on Amersham road and pedestrians/cyclists can get stuck between two lines of traffic. The crossing has not been improved to accommodate the increased foot traffic resulting from the upgrading of the footpath towards Seer Green. The crossing is particularly hazardous with children or pets'*. The e-petition ran from 01/10/2021 until 29/10/2021 and received 71 signatures. This response sets out the considerations made by Buckinghamshire Council in preparing its recommendation.

## 2. Background information

- 2.1 Prior to upgrading any crossing points, the first step would be to complete an assessment to establish the need for an upgrade. This assessment would be based on demand to cross, speed and amount of vehicles (as a way of assessing the conflict between vehicles and pedestrians), as well as taking into account other factors.

- 2.2 Unfortunately, there is currently no funding available for investigating or implementing an improved crossing on Amersham Road at the requested location.
- 2.3 The request has been noted by relevant officers who will consider the scheme for future funding opportunities within the area, such as developer contributions.
- 2.4 Buckinghamshire Council is keen to improve cycling and walking routes across the county and over the coming year will be producing a Countywide Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). This work will enable the Council to establish a comprehensive (high level) future walking and cycling network across the council area and identify future investment priorities for new and improved walking and cycling infrastructure.

Engagement activities will be undertaken as part of the development of the LCWIP. Whilst the arrangements for this engagement are to be confirmed, it is anticipated that workshops will be held with a range of internal and external stakeholders. It is also proposed that input will be sought from the Community Boards to understand key walking and cycling aspirations for each Board area that can be considered as part of the development of the LCWIP.

The petition request will be added to the local aspirations to be considered through the LCWIP work.

### **3. Next steps and review**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board note this report and steps that officers are proposing to take.
- 3.2 If the Community Board wishes to fund more immediate work on a crossing for Amersham Road (as per the petition) then the Board may like to consider allocating local funding (if deemed to be a local priority) for the following:
  - An initial survey / assessment to establish need for an upgrade to the crossing point.
  - A feasibility study to establish the most appropriate crossing facility for the location and to identify a cost estimate for the scheme. *This would help to support any potential future funding bids / requests.*
  - Funding delivery of a crossing.