

Appendix C Correspondence received and officer's comments

Comments from: A resident of Sheffield Road (word for word)	Officers Comments
<p>Re your letter dated 2nd December 2016 regards Coisley Hill/Sheffield Road – Proposed zebra crossing.</p> <p>Following the Highways Cabinet Member Decision on 8th January 2015. The review found that the recent road safety history no longer justifies action at this site. In light of this the council has decided not to progress with scheme. It intended to re-visit the possibility of introducing a pedestrian (crossing) in time for the Streets Ahead Maintenance work in this area in 2017.</p> <p>There has been no accidents as far as I know since this meeting and the letter I received dated 15th June 2015.</p> <p>I would like to ask you to come out to the site of the crossing and meet with me to explain exactly where the crossing is going to be and how it is going to impact on my drive which I had planning permission for and complied with everything asked for safety features ie having a 6ft wall reducing down to 3ft and the drive being made extra wide for the vision of the road. If this crossing was to go ahead I hope my drive is going to remain as it is now.</p> <p>As regards the position of the proposed crossing I objected last time and still object for safety reasons.</p> <p>Why has the crossing point been changed from one side of the drive to the other. This makes it more dangerous as you have to cross the drive to get to the proposed crossing, parents allow children to run in front of them, from the shop to start of drive there are walls approx. 3ft high. As we have to use the drive at school time we could already be coming (out) of the drive as a child runs across and this could end in a nasty accident through no fault of the driver. It is noted in OFFICER COMMENTS in APPENDIX B that it is acknowledged the proximity of crossing to driveways to present a risk of conflict between users of the crossing and drivers manoeuvring into or out of accesses.</p> <p>May I draw your attention to the following from www.askthepolice.uk</p> <p>It is not illegal to reverse into a main road but it is not advisable, this is for safety reasons. The main road is likely to be very busy and there will be an increased chance of an accident due to the presence of more cars on the road. If an accident occurs due to you reversing onto a main road from a minor road then there may be a possibility of you being prosecuted for driving without due care and attention.</p>	<p>No injury accidents have been recorded at this site since 2012. There were two accidents in 2012, both slight and between two vehicles.</p> <p>Two officers went to a meeting with the resident to discuss their concerns. We agreed to get an independent view from a Road Safety Auditor. In brief, the auditor concluded that this was not a particular issue, especially compared to the overall benefits that a zebra would provide.</p> <p>The residents drive will remain as it is now.</p> <p>The position of the crossing allows for some parking to be retained outside the shop. Most of the objections before were about loss of parking. If the crossing is move to the other side of the resident's driveway, no parking could be retained outside the shop.</p> <p>The auditor also noted: 'When entering the drive I would expect the resident to a) Only enter the crossing area when it is safe to do so and b) Reverse onto the drive whilst taking the normal care to do so (in practice pedestrians are likely to wait anyway once they see the vehicle reversing making this manoeuvre easier). I see no reason why the resident should not be able to enter/leave her drive safely provided that they drive sensibly and in accordance with the Highway Code. The steep slope means there would likely be decent visibility if reversing out of the drive so I would have no objections to the resident driving in forwards, especially if doing so at times of high pedestrian activity would be safer.'</p>

At the meeting on 8th Jan Nat Porter said that crossing warden was stood where he had put the crossing this is not where she stands it's at the other side of the drive.

Prior to the new plans there was going to be no parking outside the shop and would be yellow lines, now you are allowing parking for three cars. APPENDIX B OFFICERS COMMENTS: restrictions are proposed in the vicinity of commenter premises to protect sight lines between pedestrians at zebra crossing and approaching drivers. This has now been abandoned but the crossing is still being proposed in the same position. What has changed to the site lines?

Is there going to be any time restrictions for parking outside the shop.

Since your last proposals the shop has now been granted Planning Permission for an extension for a takeaway. I would imagine this is going to bring even more parking problems and also more people crossing the road in the vicinity of the shop and take-away.

I wish to state again that the crossing would serve the community better between the shop and the Westend Club, the last four accidents I know of were: Three children between the shop and Westend Club. Two of these being in the morning at school time one not at school time. Fourth child coming out of school and crossing the road on their own.

Putting double yellow lines to replace school keep clear markings I feel this will only encourage parking on them, as yellow lines will only encourage parking on them, as yellow lines in the area are parked on at school times now.

I am not opposed to safety measures but feel where you intend putting the crossing is going to be more dangerous.

The new crossing is sited on the other side of the residents drive.

The site lines have been re-checked and the visibility allows for some parking outside the shop. The zig-zag lines on the crossing are slightly longer on the shop side to maintain the necessary sight lines.

There are no time restrictions on the parking.

Any increase in parking for the takeaway is unlikely be occur at school start and end times. There may be more people crossing the road and if they wish they can use the crossing.

It is not physically possible to put the crossing between the shop and the Westend Club.

The proposed waiting and stopping restrictions can be enforced by the Council traffic wardens.

As previously stated the auditor felt that the overall benefits that a zebra would provide outweigh any concerns that the resident may have.