

**Regulatory and Other Committee**

**Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, Executive Director for Environment and Economy**

Report to:	<b>Planning and Regulation Committee</b>
Date:	<b>06 October 2014</b>
Subject:	<b>Grantham, Dysart Road - Proposed Zebra Crossing and School Safety Zone</b>

**Summary:**

This report details the objections received to the proposed zebra crossing on Dysart Road, Grantham.

**Recommendation(s):**

It is recommended that Members overrule the objections and proceed with the scheme as it was proposed at consultation.

**1. Background**

- 1.1 Isaac Newton School, adjacent to Dysart Road, Grantham, was identified as a likely site for a School Safety Zone (SSZ) under the initiative undertaken in conjunction with the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership.
- 1.2 The main access to the school is off Dexter Avenue, therefore the potential SSZ was not able to be considered until the formal adoption of Dexter Avenue as a Highway maintained at the public expense.
- 1.3 The site of the school predates the Red Row Homes PLC Housing development however was not able to be considered for a SSZ due to the change in ownership to the developer of their only access road.
- 1.4 There is a lack of pedestrian crossing points along Dysart Road, particularly in the vicinity of Dexter Avenue, although there is a school crossing patrol.
- 1.5 A pedestrian crossing facility would assist residents and pupils in crossing Dysart Road, giving safe access to the school, and the nearby shops, dentists and vets.
- 1.6 The proposed zebra crossing would be part funded by section 106 monies from the development of the school site.

## **2. Consultation**

### **2.1 Consultation Process**

- 2.1.1 67 properties in the immediate area were hand delivered a copy of the plan showing the proposals and a covering letter inviting comments before 11<sup>th</sup> August 2014. All of the residents of Dexter Avenue, Westbourne Place and those of Dysart Road from the junction of Goodliff Road to the Nursery opposite Autumn Park received the letter and plan.
- 2.1.2 Consultation letters were also sent to County Councillors: Cllr R Davies and Cllr Mrs J Churchill. Letters were also sent to the Headteacher of Isaac Newton Primary School, Grantham Charter Trustees, Freight Transport Association, Road Haulage Association, Redrow Homes plc, Lincolnshire Road safety Partnership, the Fire Brigade, the Ambulance service, Grantham Police and South Kesteven District Council.
- 2.1.3 Public Notices were also erected on site from 8<sup>th</sup> August 2014 to 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014. There were no responses.
- 2.1.4 The Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership consulted the parents of children at Isaac Newton Primary school regarding the school safety zone proposal this included the zebra crossing integrated within the design.

### **2.2 Results of Consultation**

- 2.2.1 A total of 7 responses were received to the consultation letter and Traffic Regulation Order advert.
- 2.2.2 There were two objections received as a result of the letter drop to properties in the area. These were from two local businesses and were copies of the same response.
- 2.2.3 There were three concerns raised in the letters. Namely;
- A) An increased pressure on local businesses car parks due to the loss of parking on Dysart Road.
  - B) That the siting of the crossing is problematic due to poor visibility caused by overhanging trees from the neighbouring properties and;
  - C) That the design of the zebra crossing is in contravention of the National Guidelines.
- 2.2.4 Comments on these concerns are;
- A) The Highway Authority can have no influence over parking on private land. The management of parking on the grounds of the Dentist and Vets on Dysart Road should be policed by the respective businesses.

- B) The trees are growing from private land, appropriate enforcement action has already been undertaken.
- C) The Zebra Crossing has been designed with the relevant guidance taken into account. The interpretation by the objectors were not a true reflection of the guidance and there are no known issues with the design of the crossing, or its siting.

2.2.5 Following the consultation there have been enquiries from several local residents regarding creating their own off street parking.

2.2.6 The response from the parents at the school was overwhelmingly positive with 14 positive responses, and a single negative.

2.2.7 The Headteacher of the School is supportive of the proposals.

2.2.8 The elected Member for the area is supportive of the proposals.

### **3. Conclusion**

3.1 A zebra crossing on Dysart Road in the vicinity of Dexter Avenue can be justified based upon the need for a safe crossing point in the area.

3.2 The concerns of the two objectors have been satisfactorily addressed.

#### **a) Policy Proofing Actions Required**

n/a

### **Appendices**

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Location Plan
Appendix B	Site Plan/Scheme Design

### **Background Papers**

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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