

Open Report on behalf of Andy Gutherson, Executive Director for Place

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	02 March 2020
Subject:	Louth - St Bernards Avenue - Proposed Zebra Crossing

Summary:

This report considers the installation of a new zebra crossing on St Bernards Avenue, which has been specified as a planning condition relating to a new housing development situated off Chestnut Drive.

Recommendation(s):

That the Committee approves the proposed Zebra Crossing in line with Development Management recommendations provided in the highway response to the planning application for nearby development.

1. Background

- 1.1 St Bernard's Avenue is a 30mph road that is urban in nature with footpaths on both sides of the carriageway. It passes through a residential area linking Wood Lane and Eastfield Road.
- 1.2 The footways on the Avenue are fairly wide and cars often park fully on the footway to ensure traffic flow on the carriageway is unobstructed.
- 1.3 The road is on a bus route that is serviced up to 4 times an hour by the Louth Circular and also by buses travelling to Mablethorpe.

Proposals

- 1.4 An increase in pedestrian and vehicular traffic is anticipated following completion of the new development which will provide 100 new dwellings. The planning condition stipulates that a zebra crossing is constructed in the vicinity to improve safety for pedestrians accessing nearby schools and the town centre and the location shown at Appendix B has been identified as meeting this requirement.
- 1.5 A public consultation and advertisement for the scheme took place in November last year and included all residents in the vicinity of the proposal.

Objection

- 1.6 An objection has been received from Louth Town Council with regard to the proposed location of the crossing. Their concern is that it will be unsafe to install it close to the junction with Eastfield Road, and that it should be located further along St Bernard's Avenue.

Comments

- 1.7 Observations at the time of determination of the planning application for this development indicated that the desire line for existing pedestrian traffic across St Bernard's Avenue was at the junction with Eastfield Road.
- 1.8 A road safety audit has been carried out for the scheme and did not identify any issues relating to the proposed location of the crossing point.

Conclusion

The proposed site of the Zebra crossing has been selected as one which reflects the needs of pedestrians in the area and no safety issues with location has been identified within the Road Safety Audit.

Consultation

The following were consulted on this proposal:

Cllr Sarah Parkin; East Lindsey District Council; Louth Town Council; Lincolnshire Police; Fire and Rescue; EMAS; Traffic Commissioners; Confederation of Public Transport; Stagecoach East Midlands; RHA; FTA; LRSP.

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out??

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Location Overview
Appendix B	Proposed Zebra Crossing Location

Background Papers

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Copy of Objections	Executive Director-Place
Road Safety Audit	Executive Director-Place

This report was written by Jamie Earls, who can be contacted on 01522 782070 or jamie.earls@lincolnshire.gov.uk.