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LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE 15th JUNE 2004

REPORT NO : /04 FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT

FOR ACTION

NAME OF WARDS:
Preston, Tokyngton, Alperton

WALKING SCHEMES PROGRAMME 2004/2005

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report informs members about the Walking Schemes programme for this financial year 2004/05 and seeks approval for officers to proceed with all aspects of scheme development, public consultation, statutory consultation and implementation in order to ensure the delivery of the programme within the 2004/05 financial year.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the programme of walking schemes detailed in the report and the scheme development work undertaken so far.
- 2.2 That the Committee notes the public consultation strategy to be adopted for the schemes in the programme as detailed in the report.
- 2.3 That the Committee agrees to implement the schemes detailed in the report subject to any necessary statutory consultation.
- 2.4 That the Committee authorise the Director of Transportation to proceed with any necessary statutory consultation, to consider any objections or representations and either to refer objections or comments back to this committee where he thinks appropriate or to implement the order if there are no objections or representations, or he considers the objections or representations are groundless or insignificant.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Funding has been allocated by Transport for London for Walking Schemes based on the Borough Spending Plan submission for 2004/2005. Funding of £100,000 has been allocated within the Capital Programme for this financial year.

4.0 STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Council's Transportation Service Unit will deal with all issues related to the Walking schemes highlighted in the report.

5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The introduction of walking schemes provides improved pedestrian facilities and fosters an environment conducive to encouraging greater number of people to walk over reasonably short journeys. These measures will improve pedestrian safety in the locations treated and reduce the frequency of road traffic accidents involving vulnerable pedestrian's particularly elderly persons and school children.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Some of the schemes highlighted in this report might require traffic or parking restrictions. These proposals would require the making of traffic regulation orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or a variation to existing schemes. The procedures to be adopted for making the actual orders or varying existing orders are set out in the associated Statutory Traffic Regulations.
- 6.2 Members are authorising the Director of Transportation to consider and reject objections or representations if he thinks appropriate prior to him implementing the various schemes following the statutory consultation process. This means a further report need not be brought before this committee prior to implementation.

7.0 DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 All public consultation material distributed included a section written in the most common languages used in the Borough with an explanation of how more information about proposals could be obtained

8.0 DETAIL

Introduction

- 8.1 Funding has been allocated by Transport for London for walking projects based on the Borough Spending Plan (BSP) submission for 2004/2005. A budget of £100,000 has been approved for this financial year within the Capital Programme. The following list of locations and proposed measures were included in the submission and are being progressed as follows:

Location	Proposed measures	Cost
South Way, Wembley Hill Road, Mostyn Avenue	New pedestrian phase incorporated into existing signals.	£20,000
Manor Farm Road	New Zebra Crossing	£40,000
East Lane (Outside Wembley Manor Primary School)	New Zebra Crossing	£40,000

- 8.2 The schemes are in accordance with the Mayor for London's Road Safety Policy and the Government's new 10 year accident reduction target for the year 2010 which aims to achieve:

- A 40% reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured in road accidents
- A 50% reduction in the number of children killed or seriously injured; and
- A 10% reduction in the slight casualty rate.

8.3 The Boroughs walking schemes aim to improve conditions for people walking to and from key destinations such as schools, shopping areas, local public transport areas and recreational facilities. The walking schemes which we promote satisfy the Mayor's vision to make London one of the world's most walking friendly cities by 2015. This vision forms an integral part of the Mayor's Transport Strategy. The key objectives of the schemes are therefore to:

- Providing improved access to key locations
- Improving travel choice and quality
- Providing transport to particular needs
- Promoting movement that improves air quality
- Foster a Transport system to protect the environment
- Promoting Health

8.4 Walking is a sustainable, flexible and healthy activity, frequently overlooked as a viable mode of transport. Many journeys can be made entirely on foot and all journeys involve walking at some stage. It is a key objective of the Council to ensure that people that want to walk can do so in safe, 'walking environments' i. e. those that present no physical obstacles to those of all mobility levels and provide direct access to meet pedestrian desire lines.

8.5 The costs of the schemes shown above are estimated costs prepared for budgetary purposes only and these costs will be more accurately refined as the respective projects are taken forward such that the total costs will not exceed the overall budget available for Walking Schemes.

Scheme development process

8.6 All the schemes in the walking programme are localised measures and involve essential and necessary amendments to the highway network to improve road safety for pedestrians. The scheme development work is focussed on improving facilities for pedestrians by introducing new facilities such as pedestrian refuges or through upgrading existing signalised junctions by incorporating dedicated pedestrian phases to allow safer and controlled pedestrian movement.

8.7 Once schemes have been prepared public consultations would be undertaken which would involve distributing public consultation documents to directly affected residents with an invitation to comment on the proposals. The documents would be posted to all addresses in the consultation area providing details of the scheme, a plan of the proposals and a free pre-paid return comment form for residents to give their comments and express their views. The recently adopted public consultation procedure would be followed which requires active consultation with local ward members and area consultative forums.

East Lane, Wembley

- 8.8 A scheme has been designed for East Lane (outside Wembley Manor Primary School). As part of a Safer Route to School programme, implemented approximately 3 years ago, a scheme including pedestrian refuges was introduced in East Lane. One of these refuges is currently utilised by a school crossing patrol who is regularly experiencing difficulties controlling the high volumes of approaching traffic. Due to the layout of the refuge, the crossing patrol is often shielded to oncoming motorists, which has led to the patrol being struck by vehicles on a number of occasions.

The scheme will include the following measures:

- Removal of the existing pedestrian refuge
- Installation of a zebra crossing facility to assist the school crossing patrol to effectively and safely manage the school children to cross the road. This facility will also assist vulnerable and elderly road users.

Appendix A provides draft details of the scheme. The scheme is scheduled for implementation in the third quarter of this financial year (September - December 2004).

South Way, Wembley Hill Road, Mostyn Avenue, Wembley

- 8.9 A scheme has been designed to improve pedestrian facilities at the South Way / Wembley Hill Road / Mostyn Avenue junction. The scheme will include the following measures:

- Introducing traffic islands (if appropriate) and an all red pedestrian phase on all arms in Wembley Hill Road.
- Improve existing footway surface and provide tactile paving at crossing points to assist partially sighted people.

The scheme is scheduled for implementation in the third quarter of this financial year (September - December 2004).

Manor Farm Road, Alperton

- 8.10 A scheme has been designed for Manor Farm Road.

The main problem in this location is the lack of adequate crossing points to cross Manor Farm Road, which is heavily used as a convenient exit route from the A40. The use of a convenient footway link between Glacier Way and Manor Farm Road means that there is a high demand by school children to cross in this location.

The scheme will include the following measures:

- Installation of a raised zebra crossing facility to assist the school children and vulnerable and elderly road users.

Appendix B provides details of the scheme. The scheme is under construction at the moment and should be implemented in the third quarter (Oct – Dec 2004).

Authorisation of authority to officers to approve schemes

- 8.11 The relatively small number of Highway Committee meetings and large proportion of schemes which commence at the beginning of the financial year can potentially create delays in the programme through awaiting scheme approval and adversely affect the delivery of scheme implementation by increasing the number of schemes to be constructed towards the end of the financial year.
- 8.12 It is therefore recommended that authorisation to consider the results of public consultation exercises, approving schemes, undertaking statutory consultation (traffic regulation orders / public notices), considering objections to statutory consultation and implementing schemes be given to the Director of Transportation. Any objections to the schemes received as a result of statutory consultations would then be given full consideration by the Director of Transportation and reported back to members if he thinks appropriate. This would permit the smooth and timely delivery of the programme.
- 8.13 It should also be noted by members that the funds provided by Transport for London for this programme of work must be used by the end of March 2005 and requests to carry forward funds are only approved in exceptional circumstances. It is emphasised that the request for authorisation is intended solely to speed up the delivery of schemes and ensure the maximum use of externally provided funds, however, where scheme consultation is inconclusive or where major objections are raised to a proposal then a report will be brought to the Highways Committee for a decision.

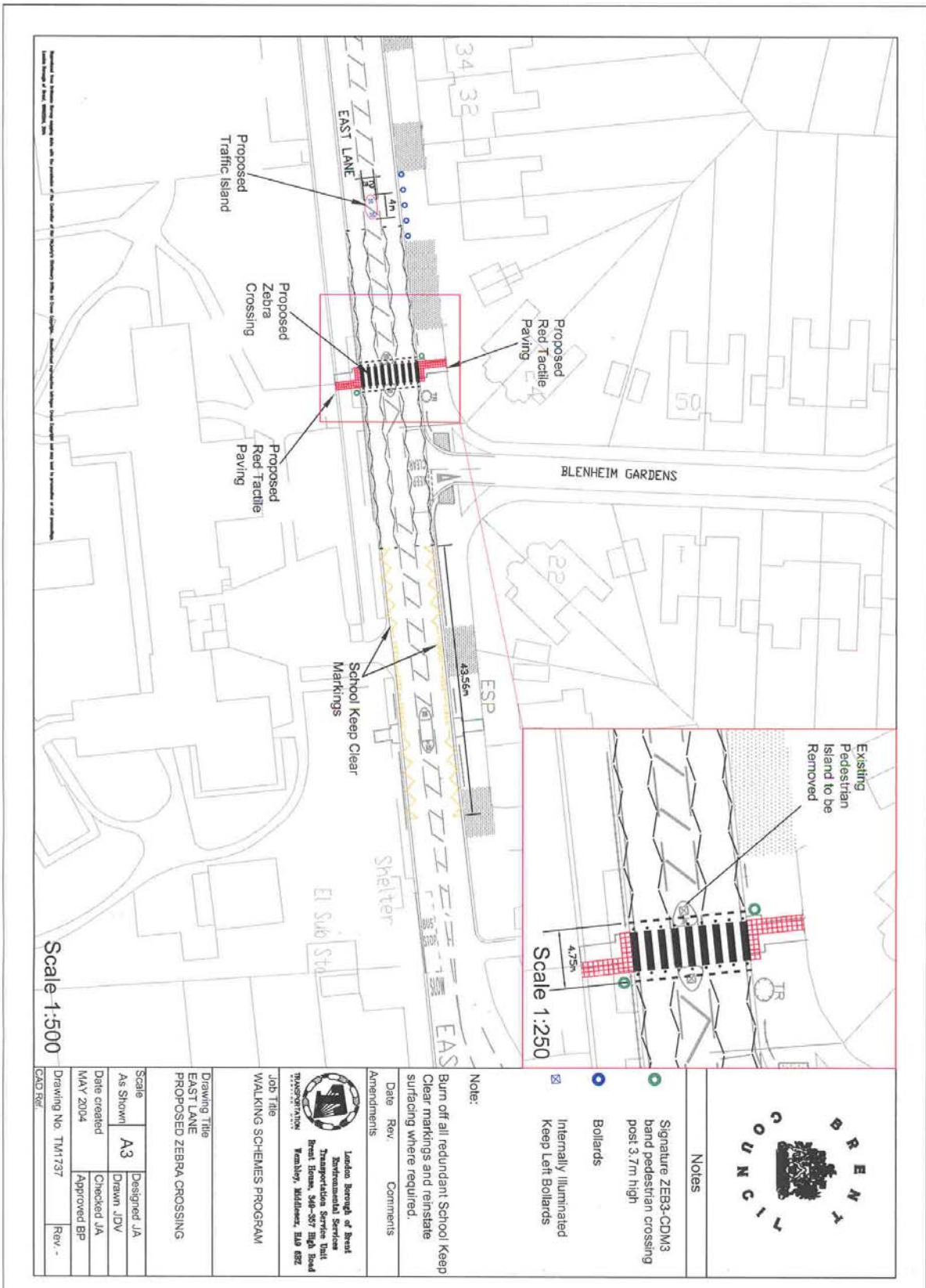
9.0 Details of Documents:

Project Files TP 312, 313, 314

Any person wishing to inspect the above papers should contact Johann Alles, Engineer, Transportation Service Unit, Brent House, 349 High Road, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 6BZ, Telephone: 0208 937 5152

Richard Saunders
Director of Environment

Walking Schemes Programme 2004/2005 APPENDIX A



Walking Schemes Programme 2003/2004 APPENDIX A (continued)

	WALKING INITIATIVE SCHEME EAST LANE – PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING	TP314 PUBLIC CONSULTATION June 2004
<p>INTRODUCTION</p> <p>In line with the Governments campaign to reduce personal injury accidents and provide safer and sustainable modes of transport, the Transportation Unit intends to introduce a new zebra crossing in East Lane outside Wembley Manor Primary School.</p> <p>The scheme reflects the Mayor's vision to make London one of the world's most walking friendly cities by 2015. This vision forms an integral part of the Mayor's Transport Strategy.</p> <p>Walking as a means of transport is a viable, alternative, healthy and environmentally friendly activity.</p> <p>Research shows there are many factors that discourage people from walking. These include concerns about traffic volume, air quality, road safety, personal security, lack of information and the poor quality of the street environment.</p> <p>Walking is rejected as a mode of transport because London's streets are seen as unsafe, unattractive, dirty, cluttered, inconvenient, badly maintained, poorly lit and difficult to cross. In addition, people with disabilities often find their needs have not been considered.</p>		<p>Given the close proximity of Wembley Manor Primary School, this much needed controlled crossing facility will be utilised by the existing school crossing patrol to assist school children to cross this busy road. The new zebra crossing will improve safety for all pedestrians at this location and in particular school children and other vulnerable road users.</p> <p>PROPOSALS</p> <p>Having both analysed the accident records and considered the current situation, the Transportation Unit has developed a scheme which includes the following proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of a controlled zebra crossing facility to assist pedestrians to safely cross the road • Amend existing 'school keep clear' markings to remove dangerous parking and improve visibility for all road users. • Construct a new traffic island to prevent overtaking on the approach to the new zebra crossing • Provide bollards to prevent vehicles mounting the grass verges <p><i>(A plan of the scheme can be seen on the reverse side of this leaflet).</i></p>
 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>East Lane - Inadequate crossing facilities</i></p>		<p>CONSULTATION</p> <p>Your views regarding the above proposals are important to us and we would be grateful if you could complete and return the attached questionnaire using the pre paid postage provided by Friday 25th June 2004.</p> <p>Barry Philips - Traffic Team Leader</p>
<small>Environmental Services, Transportation Service Unit, Traffic Management Section Brent House, 349-357 High Road, Wembley, Middx. HA9 6BZ (Tel: 020 937 5143/5152 Fax: 020 8937 5129)</small>		

COMMENTS:

Do you have any comments about the proposals? Please be brief and write clearly.

If you have difficulty understanding this in English, please contact the One-Stop Shop at the Town Hall, Forty Lane, Wembley Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Telephone 020 8937 1200

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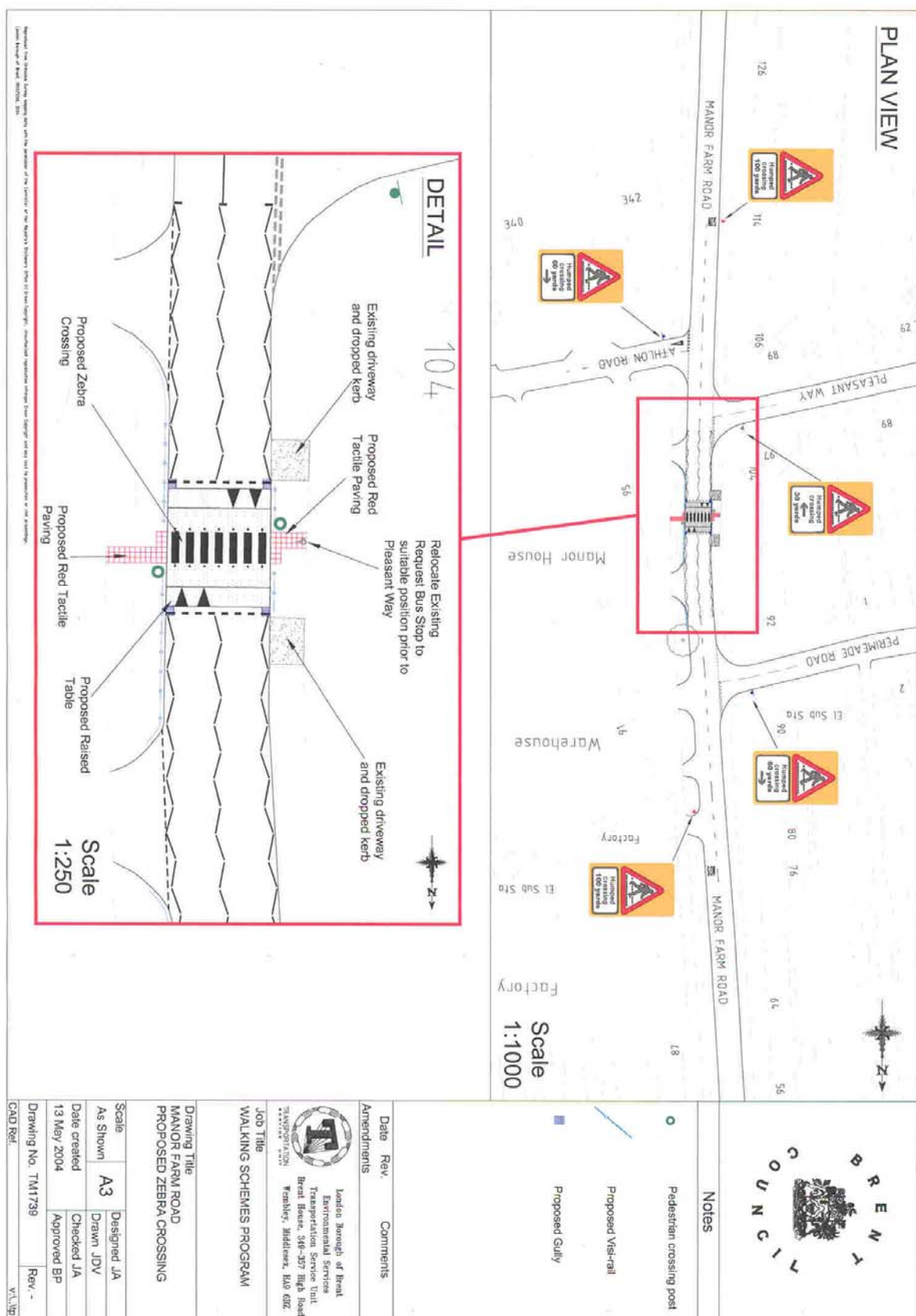
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Walking Schemes Programme 2003/2004 APPENDIX B





WALKING INITIATIVE SCHEME MANOR FARM ROAD – PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING

TP313
PUBLIC
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June 2004

INTRODUCTION

In line with the Government's campaign to reduce personal injury accidents and provide safer and sustainable modes of transport, the Transportation Unit intends to introduce a new zebra crossing in Manor Farm Road.

Walking makes up a part of every journey, whether walking from a station, catching the bus or even walking to the car. Unfortunately it is the stage of a journey most likely to be overlooked in terms of providing for its safety, convenience and comfort.

Walking as a means of transport is a viable, alternative, healthy and environmentally friendly activity.

Research shows there are many factors that discourage people from walking. These include concerns about traffic volume, air quality, road safety, personal security, lack of information and the poor quality of the street environment.



Manor Farm Road - Inadequate crossing facilities

Given the close proximity of the Sainsbury's superstore and the nearby school in Federal Road, the existing footway link (leading to Glacier Way) is well used by pedestrians.

As part of this route, pedestrians need to negotiate Manor Farm Road. Our surveys have revealed that vehicle speeds on this road can be high, as it acts as a convenient route from the A40 (Western Avenue). The new zebra crossing will therefore improve safety for all pedestrians at this location and in particular school children and other vulnerable road users.

PROPOSALS

Having analysed the accident records, vehicle speeds and considered the current situation, the Transportation Unit has developed a scheme which includes the following proposals:

- *Installation of a raised controlled zebra crossing facility to assist pedestrians to safely cross the road and deter/slow through traffic*
- *Install visi-rail guardrailling to guide and protect pedestrians.*
- *Provide advanced warning signage and road markings*
- *Provide tactile paving to assist visually impaired and vulnerable road users*

(A plan of the scheme can be seen on the reverse side of this leaflet).

CONSULTATION

Your views regarding the above proposals are important to us and we would be grateful if you could complete and return the attached questionnaire using the pre paid postage provided by **Friday 2nd July 2004**.

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