

## Report for Resolution

<b>Report to</b>	Norwich Highways Agency Committee 26 March 2009
<b>Report of</b>	Head of Transportation and Landscape
<b>Subject</b>	Earlham Road Local Safety Scheme

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### Purpose

This report informs Members of the results of public consultation on proposals to reduce the number of accidents on Earlham Road between Park Lane and Heigham Road.

### Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:-

- (1) note the results of the public consultation which indicated a preference to keep the existing zebra crossing on Heigham Road;
- (2) approve the proposals as shown on Drawings 08/HD/043/03 and 04 (Appendix 1), except for the removal of the zebra crossing;
- (3) note that improvements to the existing zebra crossing on Heigham Road will be carried out and interactive speed limit signs provided.

### Financial Consequences

The Local Transport Plan has allocated £75,000 budget to fund this scheme.

### Strategic Priority and Outcome/Service Priorities

The report helps to meet the strategic priority “Strong and prosperous city – working to improve quality of life for residents, visitors and those who work in the city now and in the future” and the service plan priority of delivering the Local Transport Plan.

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### Background Documents

Accident Investigation report

Consultation Responses

# Report

## Background

### Accident Investigation Study

1. In March 2007 Norfolk County Council carried out an accident investigation study to address the rise of accidents on Earlham Road between the junctions of Heigham Road and Park Lane. In the previous 3 years there had been 15 accidents along this stretch, 5 serious and 10 slight.
2. The study concluded that the following points would be beneficial to reducing accidents.
  - A redesign of the Earlham Road/Heigham Road junction is desirable; however, it is not cost effective based on the current accident record.
  - Amend kerblines at the junction of Heigham Road to improve visibility entering/exiting the junction.
  - Resurface the carriageway on Earlham Road between the two existing refuge islands.
  - Reduce the width of carriageway to 6m by the Park Lane zebra crossing.
  - Upgrade the halos to Zebrites at the Park Lane zebra.
  - Realign the centreline on Earlham Road to take account of parking bays.
  - Delineate parking bays on Earlham Road.
  - Consideration be given to removing the zebra crossing

### Results of Consultation

3. In January 2009 consultation was carried out with key stakeholders and residents on the proposed design which is shown on the plans attached as Appendix 1. The proposals included the removal of the zebra crossing to test public acceptance of this suggestion.
4. 39 Responses were received and these are summarised in Appendix 2.
5. In addition to the consultation undertaken by the City Council, Charles Clarke MP carried out consultation on behalf of local residents. He received 126 replies and of these 114 objected to the removal of the zebra crossing on Heigham Road.
6. The response to the combined consultations was 19 supporting the proposals and 146 against, all those against apposed the removal of the zebra crossing on Heigham Road.
7. Other suggestions were made during the consultation, 18 regarding reducing vehicle speeds, 12 requesting traffic signals or a controlled crossing, 6 for upgrading the existing zebra crossing, 5 for a mini roundabout, 4 each for wider

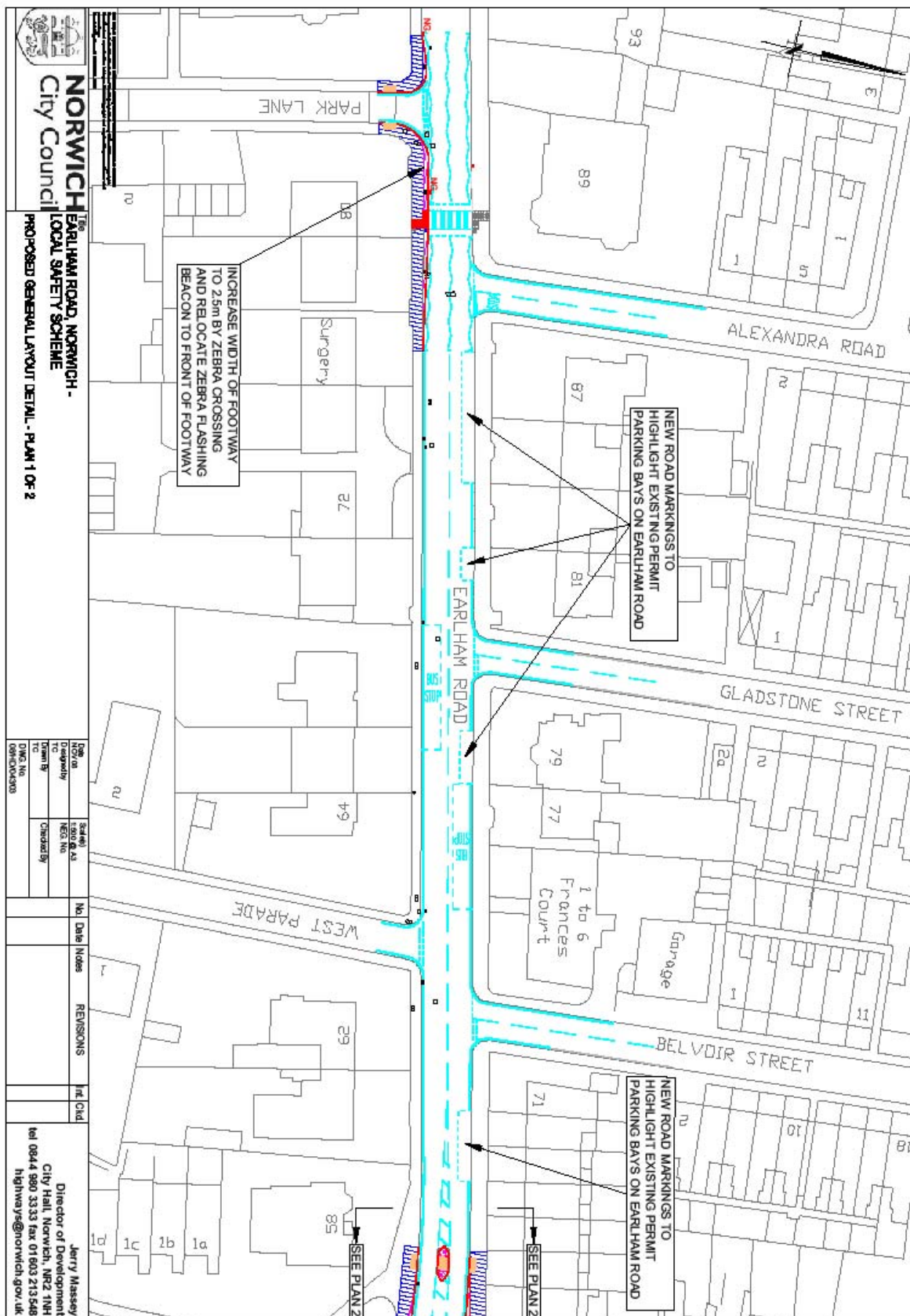
## **Conclusion**

8. While there are some safety benefits to removing the zebra crossing, there clearly is no public appetite for the move. On balance therefore it is proposed to undertake upgrade works at the existing crossing, including installing Zebrite Halo and improved carriageway markings.
9. The consultation also highlighted residents concerns of vehicle speeds on Earlham Road. Speed surveys indicate the existing 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed as 32mph. Given the fact this is an recognised collision site it is suggested that interactive speed limit signs be installed to reduce speeds.

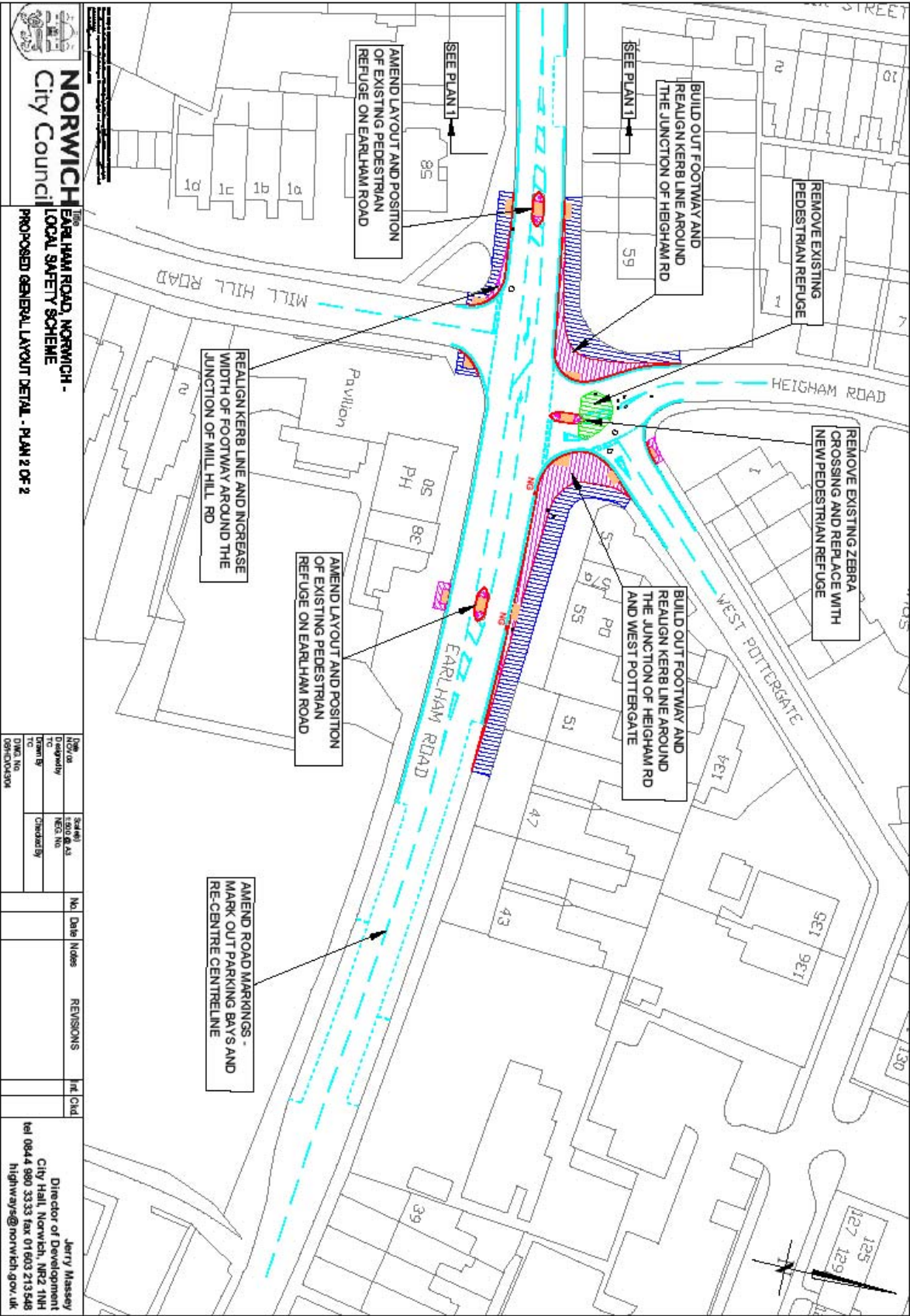
## **Ward Member Views**

10. The revised scheme has been discussed with the local district councillors and all support the revised scheme. None were in favour of the removal of the Zebra crossing.

## Appendix 1 – Original Scheme Proposals



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## Appendix 2 – Summary of Consultation

Consultation Results for Earham Road												
NAME	HOUSE No	STREET NAME	SUPPORT	COMMENTS	COMMENTS	Remove speeds	Remove ponding	Remove parking	Mini Roundabout	Traffic Signals	Reposition zebra	Extra crossing on Earham Rd
Resident		9 Salvoir Street		1		1						
Resident		23 Salvoir Street		1								
Resident		111 Salvoir Street		1								
H Durant		Earham Road/Park Lane		1								
Resident		38 Earham Road		1								
Resident		43 Earham Road		1								
Resident		47 Earham Road		1								
Resident		49 Earham Road		1					1			
Resident		55 Earham Road		1								
Resident		66 Earham Road		1								
Resident		78 Earham Road		1								
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Resident		83 Earham Road		1								
Resident		Earham Road		1								
Resident		Earham Road		1								
Resident		Earham Road		1								
Resident		Earham Road		1								
Resident		14 Sawback Road		1								
B Webster		Heart		1								
Resident		3 Hingham Road		1								
Resident		11 Hingham Road		1								
Resident		87 Fiddlers Road		1								
J Newbold		111 Minerva		1								
Resident		36 M H Road		1								
R Burreman		Norwich Cycling Campaign		1								
Colin Page		Police		1								
Resident		20 Saint Thomas Road		1								
Resident		23 Stanford Street		1								
Resident		13 West Parade		1								
Resident		24 West Parade		1								
Resident		26 West Parade		1					1			
Resident		30 West Parade		1								
Resident		66 West Parade		1								
Resident		133 West Parade		1								
Resident		134 West Parade		1								
Resident		135 West Parade		1								
Owner		Workshop		1								
S Roberts				1								
Resident				1								
Public Meeting				1								
		TOTALS	7	32	28	10	2	2	2	2	2	1