

Report for Resolution

Report to Norwich Highways Agency Committee
24 July 2008
Report of Head of Transportation and Landscape
Subject Silver Road Zebra Crossing

Item
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Purpose

To inform Members of the results of the public consultation carried out on a proposal to install a Zebra Crossing in Silver Road near to its junction with Bull Close Road

Recommendations

The committee is recommended to approve the construction of a Zebra Crossing in Silver Road as shown plan number 08-HD-063-01, attached as Appendix 1.

Financial Consequences

The Local Transport Plan budget has allocated £20,000 for this scheme.

Strategic Objective/Service Priorities

The report helps to achieve the corporate objective to ensure the City has a clean and healthy environment and the service plan priority of implementing the Local Transport Plan.

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Background Documents

None

Report

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1. For many years residents have been campaigning for a crossing at the bottom of Silver Road by Bull Close Road. There have been two petitions presented to Norwich Highways Agency Committee (NHAC) in recent years asking for a pedestrian crossing on Silver Road by Bull Close Road.
2. This location is now No. 3 on the pedestrian crossing priority list. The right turns in and out of Silver Road were banned in July 2007.

Public Consultation

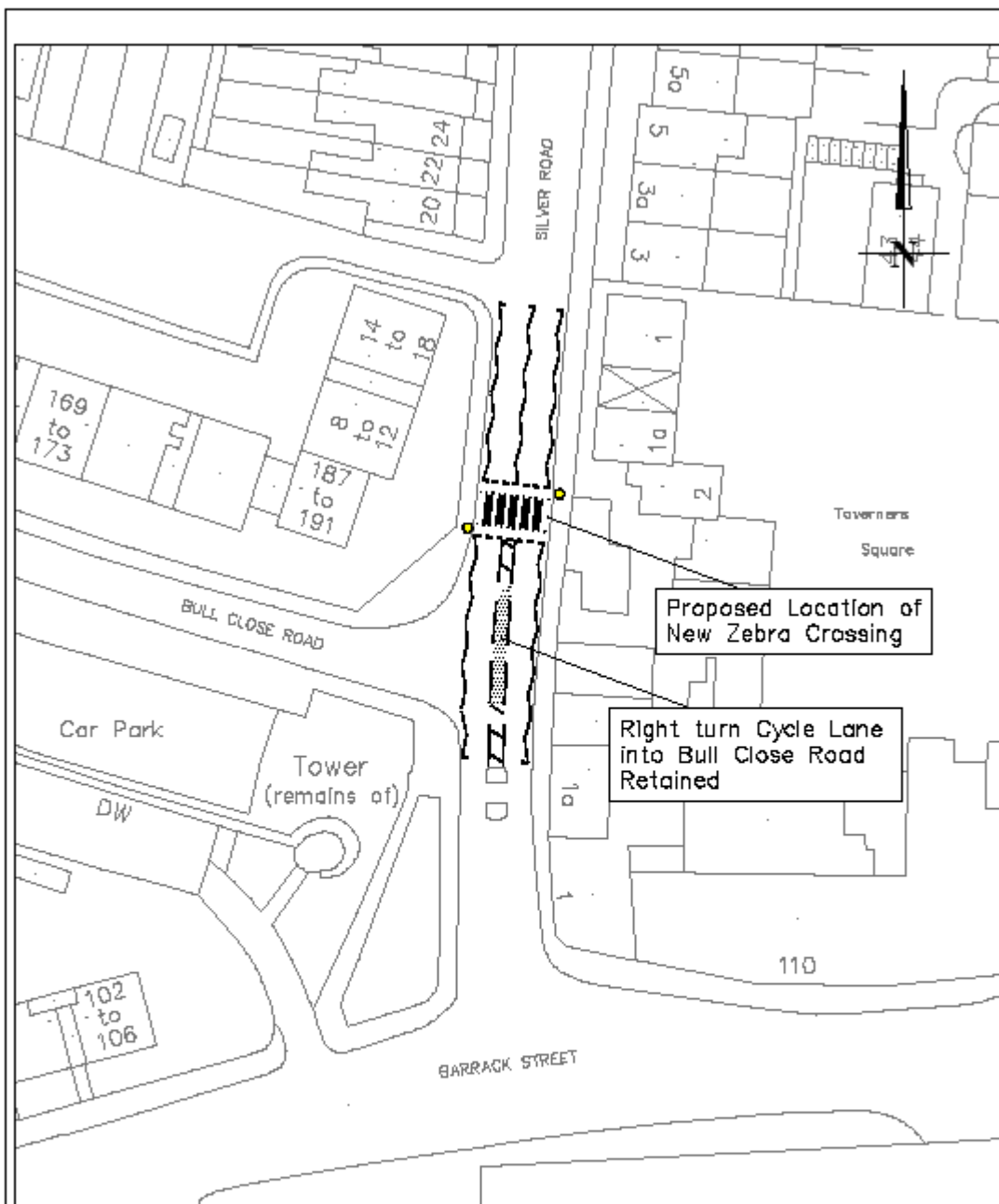
3. A letter and plan showing the proposed positions of the three refuges was sent to approximately 60 local residents as well as various interest groups. The proposed layout is shown as Appendix 1.
4. Five responses were received. One in support of the scheme and four from residents of the flats to the immediate west of the site of the proposed crossing with concerns about adding to the traffic congestion resulting in 'additional noise and pollution from fumes'.

Assessment

5. The residents' concern about the blocking back of vehicles onto the ring road is considered unfounded. While there is a reasonable pedestrian flow at this location, it is not constant and there will be ample breaks in the traffic which mean it is very unlikely that a long enough queue would develop to reach the ring road. The level of pedestrian flows also means that the noise and fumes from the waiting vehicles are not considered to be significant. Such concerns need to be set against the benefits to the wider community of providing a pedestrian crossing at this location.

Conclusions

6. It is recommended to introduce the crossing as advertised.



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Zebra Crossing

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