

# **Report of the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Culture to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015.**

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**Subject:**  
**OBJECTIONS TO A PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING  
HOLLINGWOOD LANE, BRADFORD**

**Summary statement:**

**This report considers objections to a recently advertised proposal for a zebra crossing on Hollingwood Lane, Bradford.**

**Ward: 11 - Great Horton**

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**Housing, Planning and Transport.**  
**Overview & Scrutiny Area:**  
**Environment and Waste Management**



## 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report considers objections to a recently advertised proposal for a zebra crossing on Hollingwood Lane, Bradford.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Concerns have been raised previously with regards to the difficulties that pedestrian face in crossing Hollingwood Lane in the vicinity of the entrance to Brackenhill Park
- 2.2 Hollingwood Lane is a busy connection route between Clayton Road and the A647 Great Horton Road, and serves a significant residential area and primary school.
- 2.3 There have been 8 recorded collisions on Hollingwood Lane in the last 5 years on the length in the vicinity of the proposed zebra crossing. These have resulted in 12 casualties, of which 3 were pedestrians.
- 2.4 At the meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee on 27 March 2014 a scheme to provide a zebra crossing on Hollingwood Lane (in the vicinity of the Brackenhill Park access) was approved as part of the 2014/15 Safer Roads programme. The original proposal is shown on Drawing No. R/PTH/THS/102667/GA-2A, attached as Appendix 1.
- 2.5 At a Community event in Brackenhill Park in August 2014, 60 local residents completed pro-formas expressing support for the proposal.
- 2.6 Local residents were consulted on the scheme and the proposal was formally advertised for a three week period from 14 November 2014 until 5 December 2014.
- 2.7 As a result of the consultation process, 1 letter of objection (signed by 4 residents) has been received. A summary of the points of objection and corresponding officer comments is tabulated below:-

<b>Grounds for objection</b>	<b>Officer comments</b>
Removal of frontage on-street parking for properties in the vicinity of the proposed crossing (in particular nos. 170,172 and 174 Hollingwood Lane) and the associated impact on access for loading/unloading, boarding and alighting, parking, refuse collection and maintenance etc.	It is evident that residents do not use Hollingwood Lane (directly adjacent to their properties) for long-stay parking, nor is the lay-by opposite particularly well used by them in that respect. It is understood that residents mostly use off-street parking to the rear of their properties. The zig-zag marking could be reduced from those promoted in the formal scheme advertisement to minimise the impact on frontage parking. The proposals would only remove 2 parking spacing from the lay-by.



Environmental factors including air quality and noise.	It is expected that the proposal, if implemented, would not have a significant impact on local air quality. Hollingwood Lane is a busy connection route, therefore vehicle movements at a facility such a zebra crossing would not be out of character for a road of this status. The vast majority of use of the crossing is likely to be during hours when any noise from vehicles starting and stopping would be less (if at all) distinguishable from general background noise.
Privacy	Hollingwood Lane is a busy connection route, therefore vehicle movements at a facility such a zebra crossing would not be out of character for a road of this status. Whilst it is expected that the crossing would be reasonably well used on a daily basis, the percentage of HGVs and buses will be low in comparison to cars and smaller vans, as such the likelihood of factors combining to afford a clear view from a vehicle into any property will be limited.

2.8 Two letters supporting the proposal have also been received. One of which has also requested additional traffic calming measures on Hollingwood Lane, and one also requesting a further crossing facility to the north of the park entrance. The funding allocation is only sufficient to provide the proposal as advertise. There is no justification to consider the additional requested measures at this time.

2.9 In view of the objectors' concerns about the potential impact of the scheme on parking and access, the proposal has been modified to reduce the length of zig-zags and width of the build-out. The revised proposal is shown on Drawing No. R/PTH/THS/102667/GA-2B, attached as Appendix 2.

### 3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Local Ward Members and emergency services have been consulted. No adverse comments have been received. One of the ward members has expressed support for the scheme.

3.2 A site visit attended by officers, a local ward member and 2 of the objectors took place on 23 December 2014. The discussions did not resolve the objectors' (in attendance) concerns. At the meeting an alternative measure of a refuge island was suggested. The potential for this has been explored, but it has been concluded that this would not be as safe an option as a zebra crossing; nor would it have a significantly lesser impact on parking.



#### **4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

- 4.1 The estimated cost of the scheme is £25,000. Funding has been allocated from the Bradford South Area Committee Safer Roads budget for 2014/15. The scheme forms part of the Casualty Reduction element of the programme.

#### **5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

- 5.1 Any significant modifications to the current proposal would necessitate further consultations and legal work, adding to the overall scheme cost.
- 5.2 A failure to install an appropriate facility at this location would result in the continuing potential for pedestrian/vehicle conflict.

#### **6. LEGAL APPRAISAL**

- 6.1 There are no specific issues arising from this report. The course of action proposed is in general accordance with the Council's power as Highway Authority and Traffic Regulation Authority.

#### **7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

##### **7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY**

The project consultation process has been undertaken, and recommended scheme determined, with due regard to Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

##### **7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no sustainability implications arising from this report.

##### **7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS**

There is no impact on the Councils own and wider Districts carbon footprint and emissions from other greenhouse gases arising from this report.

##### **7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

The introduction of the proposal would be beneficial in terms of road safety as it would provide a safe crossing facility for pedestrians and may also reduce traffic speeds on Hollingwood Lane.

##### **7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

##### **7.6 TRADE UNION**

There are no trade union implications arising from this report.



## **7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

Ward members have been consulted on the proposals. One of the ward members has expressed support for the scheme.

## **7.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

The proposals support themes within the Action Plan.

## **8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

None.

## **9. OPTIONS**

9.1 That the proposal to introduce a zebra crossing on Hollingwood Lane be abandoned and the consultees be informed accordingly.

9.2 Councillors may propose an alternative course of action, on which they will receive appropriate officer advice.

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1 That the objections are overruled and the proposed zebra crossing on Hollingwood Lane be implemented subject to the modifications detailed on Drawing No. R/PTH/THS/102667/GA-2B attached as Appendix 2 to this report.

10.2 That the objectors are informed accordingly.

## **11. APPENDICES**

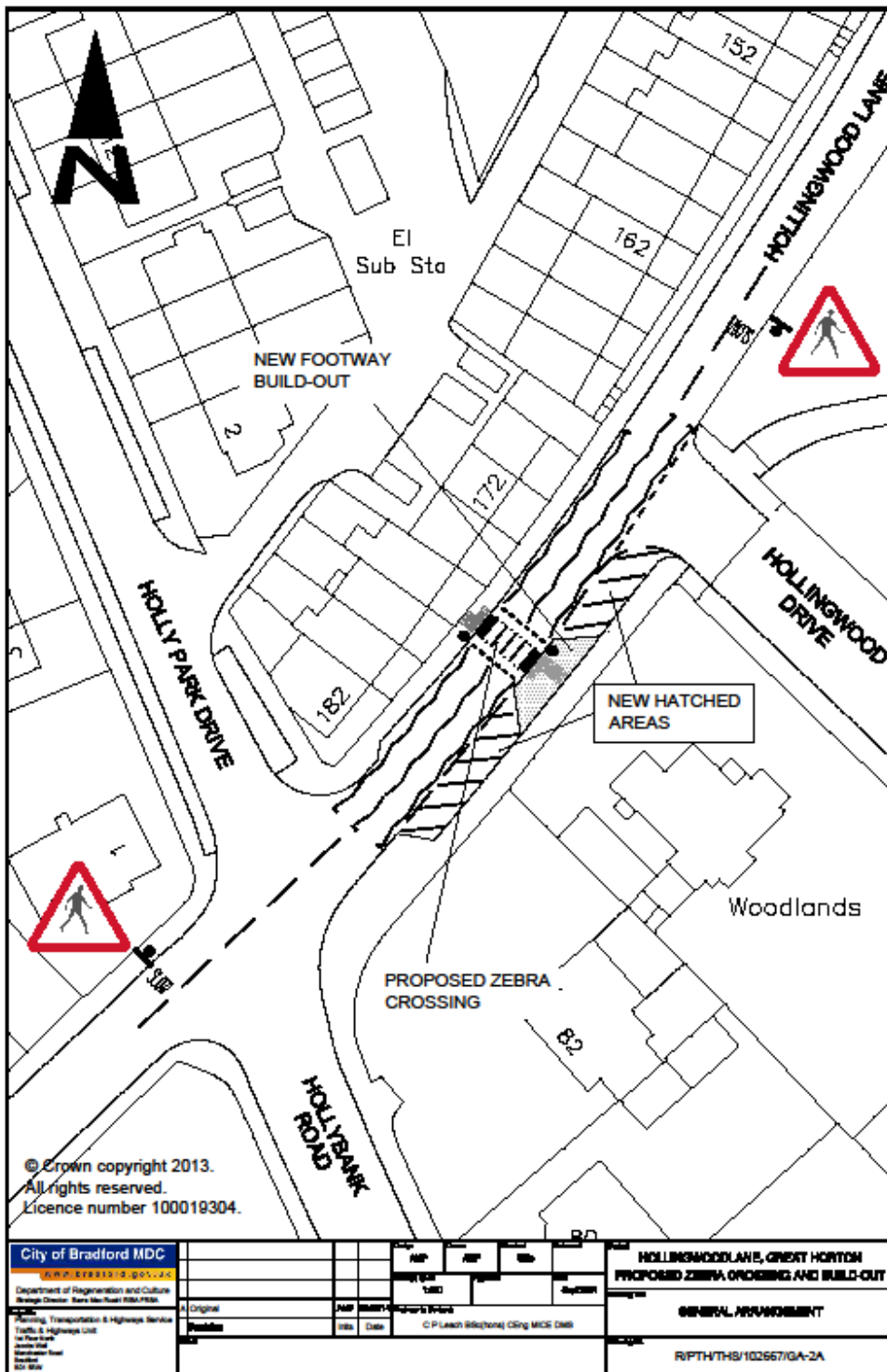
11.1 Appendix 1 – Original proposal - Drawing No. R/PTH/THS/102667/GA-2A

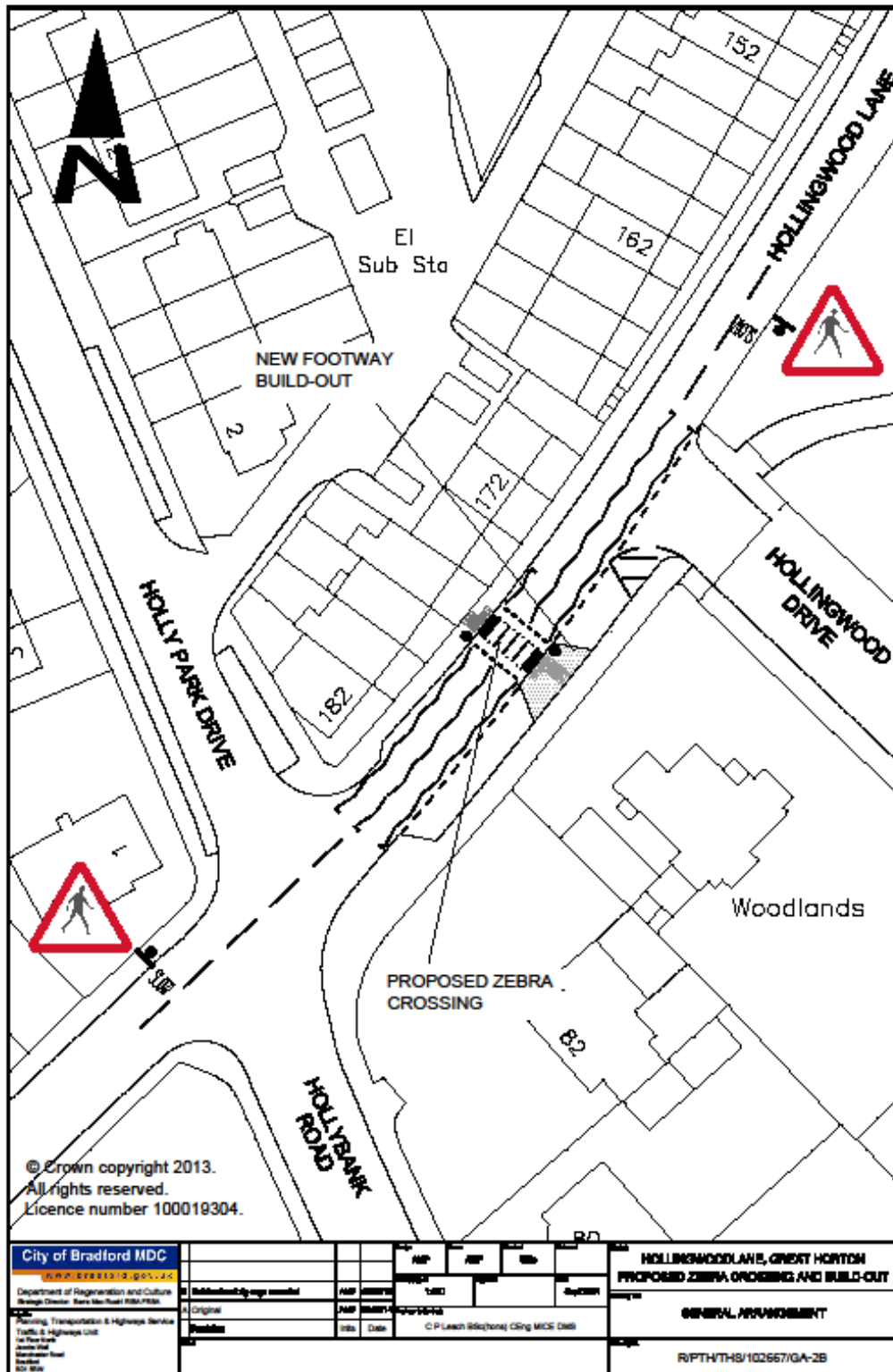
11.2 Appendix 2 – Revised proposal - Drawing No. R/PTH/THS/102667/GA-2B

## **12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

12.1 None.







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