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1	Newbury Town Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Support in principle.</li> <li>b) Other factors relating to the bridge and the adjacent site may mean that it is not the right solution in the future.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Noted.</li> <li>b) See section 3 of the main report.</li> </ul>
2	Greenham Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Concerned regarding traffic issues on the Boundary Road rail bridge.</li> <li>b) Concerned that the signals will result in traffic congestion.</li> <li>c) Suggests a separate pedestrian crossing, away from the junction.</li> </ul>	See section 3 of the main report.
3	Newbury Town Centre Partnership	Welcome the resulting improvement in pedestrian safety, and hope that the installation uses technology to the full to ensure that there is no significant increase in traffic congestion at the junction.	Noted.
4	West Berkshire Disability Alliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Comments and queries on the design of the scheme and facilities for disabled people.</li> <li>b) Concerned regarding traffic issues on the Boundary Road rail bridge.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) These comments will be taken into account should the scheme proceed.</li> <li>b) See section 3 of the main report.</li> </ul>
5	Thames Valley Police	Concerned regarding possible detrimental effect on Emergency response times. Difficulty for police vehicles to overtake queuing traffic.	Some changes to the road layout on Boundary Road (north) may be able to alleviate this perceived problem. However it is not considered that the traffic signals would significantly worsen the existing level of between the police station and the junction at busy times.
6	Resident	With traffic coming from 3 directions crossing Hambridge Road can be very risky especially during rush hour, so I welcome this proposal.	Noted.
7	Business	<p>Strongly object:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Concerned that the signals will result in traffic congestion.</li> </ul>	See section 3 of the main report.

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		<p>b) Pedestrian crossing not justified due to low pedestrian numbers, and it is usually not very difficult for pedestrians to cross anyway.</p> <p>c) Money is better spent elsewhere.</p>	
8	Resident	<p>a) Pleased that the council is considering safety at this busy junction.</p> <p>b) Concerned regarding traffic issues on the Boundary Road rail bridge.</p>	<p>a) Noted.</p> <p>b) See section 3 of the main report.</p>
9	Resident	<p>a) Appreciates that it can be difficult to cross Hambridge Road.</p> <p>b) Concerned regarding traffic issues on the Boundary Road rail bridge.</p> <p>c) Queuing traffic on Hambridge Road is likely to prevent vehicles on Boundary Road from entering Hambridge Road.</p>	<p>a) Noted.</p> <p>b) See section 3 of the main report.</p> <p>c) Could be addressed by use of "yellow box" road markings.</p>
10	Employee of Mill Lane business	<p>a) Query on operation of traffic signals.</p> <p>b) Concerned that the signals will result in traffic congestion.</p> <p>c) Concerned about disruption during the implementation of the project.</p>	<p>a) Boundary Road (north) and Boundary Road (south) would not both be shown the green light at the same time, therefore it is unlikely that there would be confusion over who has right of way.</p> <p>b) See section 3 of the main report.</p> <p>c) A degree of disruption would be inevitable, but most work would be restricted to off peak hours and the project would be co-ordinated with other projects in the area (eg Hambridge Road/Hambridge Lane improvements) so that there were not too many roadworks close together.</p>
11	Resident	<p>a) Concerned that the signals will result in traffic congestion.</p> <p>b) Suggests a separate pedestrian crossing, away from the</p>	See section 3 of the main report.

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12	Resident	These proposals are very welcome indeed.	Noted.
13	Road user	Suggests that the traffic signals should control traffic on the bridge as well.	See section 3 of the main report.
14	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Positive step in addressing issues for pedestrians.</li> <li>b) Concerned regarding traffic issues on the Boundary Road rail bridge.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Noted.</li> <li>b) See section 3 of the main report.</li> </ul>
15	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Concerned that signals will result in traffic congestion.</li> <li>b) Concerned regarding traffic issues on the Boundary Road rail bridge.</li> <li>c) Concerned about traffic growth resulting from the racecourse development.</li> <li>d) Suggests making Boundary Road one way.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) See section 3 of the main report.</li> <li>b) See section 3 of the main report.</li> <li>c) Although this development will generate traffic, the new railway bridge at the eastern end of Hambridge Road will cater for traffic heading east from the new residential area. Traffic heading is able to use Racecourse Road.</li> <li>d) Making Boundary Road one way is possible, but this would require a separate consultation process in its own right and the redistribution of traffic would have to be modelled for key junctions, eg A339/"Burger King" and A339/"Sainsbury's" roundabouts.</li> </ul>
16	Resident	Supports the proposed pedestrian crossing.	Noted.
17	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Plans are insufficient and traffic will be worse following the racecourse development.</li> <li>b) Suggests making Boundary Road one way.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Although this development will generate traffic, the new railway bridge at the eastern end of Hambridge Road will cater for traffic heading east from the new residential area. Traffic heading is able to use Racecourse Road.</li> <li>b) Making Boundary Road one way is possible, but this would require a separate consultation process in its own right and the redistribution of</li> </ul>

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			traffic would have to be modelled for key junctions, eg A339/"Burger King" and A339/"Sainsbury's" roundabouts.
18	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Concerned that signals will result in traffic congestion.</li> <li>b) Suggests a separate pedestrian crossing, away from the junction.</li> <li>c) Spend the money on a new road behind Kings Road instead.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) See section 3 of the main report.</li> <li>b) See section 3 of the main report.</li> <li>c) The provision of a new link road behind Kings Road remains a long term aspiration, but is prohibitively expensive without external funding, which would most probably need to come from a private development in the area.</li> </ul>
19	Resident	Strongly supports the proposals.	Noted.
20	Road user	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Supports the proposals for the junction, which will reduce driver confusion at the junction.</li> <li>b) Concerned regarding traffic issues on the Boundary Road rail bridge.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Noted.</li> <li>b) See section 3 of the main report.</li> </ul>
21	Resident	Supports the proposals.	Noted.
22	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Concerned regarding traffic issues on the Boundary Road rail bridge.</li> <li>a) Concerned that the signals will result in traffic congestion.</li> <li>d) Suggests a separate pedestrian crossing, away from the junction.</li> </ul>	See section 3 of the main report.
23	Business	Concerned that the signals will result in traffic congestion.	See section 3 of the main report.
24	Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Concerned regarding traffic issues on the Boundary Road rail bridge.</li> </ul>	See section 3 of the main report.

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25	Road user	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Concerned regarding traffic issues on the Boundary Road rail bridge.</li> <li>b) Concerned that the signals will result in traffic congestion.</li> <li>c) Suggests a separate pedestrian crossing, away from the junction.</li> </ul>	See section 3 of the main report.
26	Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Concerned that the signals will result in traffic congestion</li> <li>b) Concerned that the layout of the junction would impede turning manoeuvres for large vehicles.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) See section 3 of the main report.</li> <li>b) The only change to the alignment of the junction is to include a small area on which to locate a traffic signal pole. Analysis using software to model the paths of turning vehicles suggests that vehicles would still be able to turn.</li> </ul>
27	Business	Concerned that the layout of the junction would impede turning manoeuvres for large vehicles.	The only change to the alignment of the junction is to include a small area on which to locate a traffic signal pole. Analysis using software to model the paths of turning vehicles suggests that vehicles would still be able to turn.
28	Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Concerned regarding traffic issues on the Boundary Road rail bridge.</li> <li>b) Concerned that the signals will result in traffic congestion.</li> <li>c) Concerned that the signals will cause pollution and access difficulties for large vehicles.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) See section 3 of the main report.</li> <li>b) See section 3 of the main report.</li> <li>c) There may be a marginal increase in local pollutants from stationary vehicles, but this has not been investigated in detail. The only change to the alignment of the junction is to include a small area on which to locate a traffic signal pole. Analysis using software to model the paths of turning vehicles suggests that vehicles would still be able to turn.</li> </ul>

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		<p>d) Suggests a separate pedestrian crossing, away from the junction.</p> <p>e) Suggests that the consultation was not fair, as we did not attempt to elicit the views of all road users.</p> <p>f) Suggests using temporary traffic signals as a trial and to gather further feedback from road users.</p> <p>g) Also includes names of 38 customers and employees who are opposed to the introduction of traffic signals.</p>	<p>d) See section 3 of the main report.</p> <p>e) It would be difficult to canvass the opinion of all road users, but it is accepted that greater coverage would be achieved if more use were made of the internet for future schemes.</p> <p>f) This is a possibility, although the temporary traffic signals would need to be set up to operate in exactly the same way as the permanent signals to allow a direct comparison.</p> <p>g) Noted.</p>
29	Resident	Strongly supports the proposals	Noted
30	Resident	<p>a) Concerned regarding traffic issues on the Boundary Road rail bridge.</p> <p>b) Concerned about traffic growth resulting from the racecourse development.</p>	<p>a) See section 3 of the main report.</p> <p>b) Although this development will generate traffic, the new railway bridge at the eastern end of Hambridge Road will cater for traffic heading east from the new residential area. Traffic heading is able to use Racecourse Road.</p>
31	Business	Project is unnecessary.	Noted.
32	Resident	Supports the proposals.	Noted.
33	Resident	<p>Supports in principle, however:</p> <p>a) queries funding of project.</p> <p>b) queries design issues.</p>	<p>a) Project funded from S106 contributions from recent developments</p> <p>b) These comments will be taken into account should the scheme proceed.</p>

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		c) suggest "part time" signals.	c) Part time signals would not cater for pedestrians during the times that the signals were not active and are therefore not recommended.
34	Resident	Supports the proposals.	Noted.
35	Resident	Supports the proposals.	Noted