

# Individual Decision

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<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Monks Lane, Newbury – Pedestrian Crossing</b>		
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	<b>Portfolio Member for Planning and Highways Cllr. Keith Chopping</b>	<b>on:</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> May 2006</b>
<b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>	ID1173		

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**Purpose of Report:**

To report the results of a public consultation on the provision of a pedestrian crossing at the above location.

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**Recommended Action:**

That a signal controlled pedestrian crossing illustrated on drawing no. 81276/100/1 be implemented subject to formal consultation and any amendments resulting from safety audit and detail design.

**Reason for decision to be taken:**

To progress the schemes as detailed in the body of the report.

**List of other options considered:**

Not applicable

**Key background documentation:**

Report to Newbury Area Forum 6<sup>th</sup> October 2004 – Request for a pedestrian crossing on Monks Lane

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## Supporting Information

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### 1. Background

- 1.1 Monks Lane is a residential distributor road linking the A343 Andover Road to the A339. The road is subject to a 30mph limit, however concern has been expressed by local residents that motorists regularly travel in excess of the speed limit.
- 1.2 Adjacent land use is mainly residential to the north; however to the south of Monks Lane is mainly open fields, along with a doctor's surgery and Newbury Rugby Club. A pedestrian entrance to Park House School is also situated at the western end of Monks Lane.
- 1.3 The provision of a pedestrian crossing at the proposed location has been requested by local residents to allow safe access to the surgery and Rugby Club. The proposed crossing will also be of benefit to school children walking from the eastern end of Monks Lane to Park House School.
- 1.4 A report was presented to the Newbury Area Forum in October 2004 recommending that a signal controlled crossing be implemented at the location illustrated on the drawing no 81276/100/1 in appendix 3. However the scheme was not progressed at the time due to budgetary constraints. A copy of this report is attached in appendix 2.
- 1.5 Further requests have been received from local residents for the provision of a crossing, and an allocation has been made within the capital programme for the proposed scheme.

### Consultation

- 1.6 Adjacent residents and businesses were consulted during March/April 2006 on the proposal along with local Ward Members and Newbury Town Council. A summary of the consultation responses along with Officer's comments can be seen in appendix 1.
- 1.7 There has been one written response in support of the scheme and a number of comments have been received by telephone supporting the scheme. In addition 34 letters have been received from parents of children attending Park House School in support of pedestrian crossing improvements on Monks Lane. There have been no objections to the proposed scheme. It is therefore recommended that the scheme detailed on drawing no. 81276/100/1 be implemented.

### Appendices

Appendix 1 – Consultation responses.

Appendix 2 – Newbury Area Forum Report

Appendix 3 – Proposed scheme drawing

### Implications

#### Policy:

These proposals will contribute to the corporate priorities of:

(i) SP5 - Ensuring the street environment is clean, well maintained and safe

(ii) SP8 - Improving transportation

#### Financial:

The proposed scheme is estimated at **£40,000** and can be funded from the Council's approved 2006/07 Transport Capital Programme, as detailed in the Capital Strategy and Programme 2006/07 – 20010/11.

<b>Personnel:</b>	None arising from this report.
<b>Legal:</b>	None arising from this report.
<b>Environmental:</b>	These proposals will improve the environment by encouraging sustainable travel.
<b>Equalities:</b>	None arising from this report.
<b>Partnering:</b>	None arising from this report.
<b>Property:</b>	None arising from this report.
<b>Risk Management:</b>	The scheme will be managed in accordance with the West Berkshire Council's Project Management methodology, and a full risk register will be maintained throughout the project.
<b>Community Safety:</b>	None arising from this report.

### **Consultation Responses**

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#### **Members:**

<b>Leader of Council:</b>	Councillor Graham Jones has no objection to the proposed scheme.
<b>Select Committee Chairman:</b>	Councillor Quentin Webb has offered his support to the proposed scheme.
<b>Ward Members:</b>	Both Local Ward Members (Sally Hannon and Emma Webster) are in support of the proposed scheme.
<b>Opposition Spokesperson:</b>	Councillor Owen Jeffery has no objection to the proposal.
<b>Local Stakeholders:</b>	Newbury Town Council, Locals Residents, Falkland Surgery, West Berks Disability Alliance, Emergency Services, Newbury Rugby Club.
<b>Officers Consulted:</b>	Derek Crouch, Andy Garratt, Phil Frost, Jenny Noble, Mark Edwards.
<b>Trade Union:</b>	Not applicable

## Appendix 1

<b>Consultee</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Officer's Response</b>
Falklands Surgery	Agree with the provision of a crossing at the detailed location, however would like to see additional road safety measures at the surgery access to prevent children running across the road.	The additional comments will be taken on board during the detailed design.