



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Subject Heading:

**AVON ROAD BY SEVERN DRIVE –
PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING
ZIGZAG MARKING EXTENSION
(Outcome of public consultation)**

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Policy context:

**Havering Local Development
Framework (2008)
Havering Local Implementation Plan
2014/15 – 2016/17 Three Year Delivery
Plan (2013)**

Financial summary:

**The estimated cost of £1,000 for
implementation will be met by minor
scheme budget for highway
improvements**

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Havering will be clean and its environment will be cared for	[X]
People will be safe, in their homes and in the community	[X]
Residents will be proud to live in Havering	[]

SUMMARY

Avon Road by Severn Drive – Proposed zigzag markings extension was one of the schemes approved by the Highways Advisory Committee in August 2015. This report sets out the responses to a consultation to install additional zigzag markings at the existing zebra crossing along Avon Road and seek approval to implement the proposal.

The scheme is within **Cranham** ward.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee having considered the report and the representations made either;
 - (a) Recommends to the Cabinet Member for Environment that the implementation of zigzag marking extension at the existing zebra crossing along Avon Road by Severn Drive as set out in this report and shown on drawing number QO033, be implemented; or
 - (b) That the scheme be rejected

2. That it be noted that the estimated cost of £1,000 for implementation will be met from the Council's Revenue Budget allocated for Minor Safety Schemes.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 In August 2015, the Highways Advisory Committee approved to carry out a public consultation to extend zigzag markings at the zebra crossing along Avon Road by Severn Drive.
- 1.2 A request received from Local Member to extend zigzag markings to improve visibility at this zebra crossing.
- 1.3 A school crossing patrol operates at this location and raised concerned about the visibility as vehicles park close to the zebra crossing, particularly during morning and afternoon periods when school children use the crossing.

Proposals

- 1.4 It is proposed to extend zigzag markings at the existing zebra crossing along Avon Road by Severn Drive as shown on Drawing No. Q0033. The proposal would improve visibility and road safety in the area.

2.0 Outcome of public consultation

- 2.1 Letters, describing the proposals were delivered to local residents / occupiers. Approximately, 30 letters were delivered by hand to the area affected by the proposals. Emergency Services, bus companies, local Members and cycling representatives were also consulted on the proposals. Three written responses from Local Members and resident were received.
- 2.2 Two local Members supported the scheme. A resident of 109 Avon Road objected the scheme. The resident commented that 'the reason for poor visibility seems little strange as I have a dropped kerb as do my neighbours both sides, so vehicle do not park across the driveways during the day as doing so would obstruct entry to our off road parking'.

3.0 Staff comments and conclusions

- 3.1 Observation showed that the vehicles do park near the zigzag markings, particularly during school periods between 0800 and 0900 and 1500 and 1600 hours.
- 3.2 The extending zigzag markings would help to improve visibility and subsequently would improve road safety at this location. Since the school children use this zebra crossing during school periods, the proposal would improve road safety in the area.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

This report is asking HAC to recommend to the Cabinet Member whether or not the scheme should proceed.

Should the Committee recommend the scheme proceeds the estimated cost of £1,000 for implementation will be met from the Council's Revenue Budget allocated for Minor Safety Schemes.

The costs shown are an estimate and are part of the full costs for the scheme, should all proposals be implemented. It should be noted that subject to the recommendations of the committee a final decision then would be made by the

Lead Member – as regards to actual implementation and scheme detail. Therefore, final costs are subject to change.

This is a standard project for StreetCare and there is no expectation that the works cannot be contained within the cost estimate. There is an element of contingency built into the financial estimate. In the unlikely event of an overspend, the balance would need to be contained within the overall StreetCare Capital budget.

Legal implications and risks:

None of the proposals require a traffic order. They can all be implemented using the Council's highway management powers.

Human Resources implications and risks:

None.

Equalities Implications and Risks:

The Council has a general duty under the Equality Act 2010 to ensure that its highway network is accessible to all users. Where infrastructure is provided or substantially upgraded, reasonable adjustments should be made to improve access. In considering the impacts and making improvements for people with protected characteristics (mainly, but not limited to disabled people, the young and older people), this will assist the Council in meeting its duty under the Act.

There would be some visual impact from the proposals; however these proposals would generally improve safety for both pedestrians and vehicles.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 1. Public consultation Letter.**
- 2. Public consultation responses.**
- 3. Drawing No. QN033.**