Statement of Reasons

Bradley Stoke
Pear Tree Road – Raised Zebra Crossing

Background

The 2011 Travel Plan for Holy Trinity Primary School has identified an increase in the number of drivers failing to stop at the zebra crossing outside the school on Pear Tree Road. Speed surveys taken on Pear Tree Road in the vicinity of the school also identify vehicle speeds greater than 30mph. The Travel Plan states that pupils are discouraged from walking to school due to the lack of safe places to cross the roads. On 25th May 2010, South Gloucestershire Council received a petition from the school and parents highlighting these concerns.

In order to improve the conspicuity of the crossing and reduce vehicle speeds at the crossing point South Gloucestershire proposes to convert the existing zebra crossing into a raised zebra crossing. This scheme has been prioritised by Southern Brooks Area Committee.

Purpose of Scheme

• To increase the safety of school pupils and staff.
• To reduce drivers’ speed at the crossing point.
• To increase conspicuity of the crossing to reduce the numbers of drivers failing to stop to allow pupils to cross.
• To encourage more pupils and staff to walk to school.

Proposed Scheme

• The existing zebra crossing will be reconstructed to incorporate a raised table.
• Associated warning signs in advance of the raised zebra crossing.
• Amendments to the existing wig-wag signs.

Drawing Reference

Drawing number T439-140 shows the proposals.

Timescale

Subject to the comments received at consultation and public advertisement, the proposals will be implemented during the current 2011-12 financial year.