

## OBJECTIONS TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

### APPENDIX 1 - Summary of letters of support and objections received to the proposal for a zebra crossing

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Please note that the feedback text contained in this document has been directly copied from the responses we have received to preserve integrity of the feedback. Where there was any sensitive or identifiable information provided, this text has been removed and has been clearly indicated.

Street/Summary	Objections/support/comments received.
Norcot Road: zebra crossing proposal	Summary of responses: Objections - 8, Support - 17, Comment - 1, Mixed Response - 0.
1. Support	<p>My family frequently go to the park located on Recreation road with young children and having a safer crossing is very important to us.</p> <p>Additional comments: I believe there are frequently drivers speeding down this section of Norcot Road after the traffic calming islands to the West. The crossing may not deter drivers from speeding as much as the features mentioned. The crossing island does not help in this respect and speed camera would be an appreciated addition.</p> <p>Questions: I would like to know what implication the improvement will have on the potential for an extended dropped kerb for households with zig-zag markings in front. I would like to know the implications for deliveries (e.g. builder's merchants) to houses with zig-zag markings in front. I would like to know the implications for reverse parking to houses with zig-zag markings in front.</p>
2. Support	<p>This is a much better placement of zebra crossing and bus stop than the February proposal.</p> <p>A zebra crossing will help families to cross safely to get to the local schools. If the zebra crossing could be raised up as well it would any as a speed bump and help to address the danger of people driving too fast as well.</p>
3. Support	<p>This proposal is much improved over the previous proposal, in that: there is no loss of on street parking (already limited due to red route); arrangement is closer to current usage and traffic flow/ footfall patterns; in comparison to previous proposals there should be minimal increase in noise pollution or air quality impact to residents of 93/95 Norcot Road; Significantly reduced quality of life impact as far fewer residents negatively impacted compared to previous proposals.</p> <p>As a further improvement, if the crossing itself could be slightly raised, there could be an additional traffic</p>

	calming effect on a road which experiences significantly from vehicles speeding between lights at Tyler's rest and lights at Victoria pub junction.
4. Support	The Blundells road bus stop has been used by my family & me since I was very young. A recognised crossing would be great, as it would help to cross one of the busiest roads in the village & those rushing for the bus.
5. Support	Very difficult to cross the road here.
6. Object	I object if it still includes moving the bus stop and removing much needed on street parking. If you're keeping/moving the parking then I have no objection.
7. Support	I think it will be a welcome addition
8. Object	If you are going to remove existing parking to allow for this crossing then I wish to object as parking is needed in this area. Especially on a red route, your plans do not give the full details.
9. Support	No comments provided.
10. Support	No comments provided.
11. Object	We live on Norcot Road and the proposed Bus stop would [REDACTED]. With the buses running 27/7, it would mean disruption to sleep [REDACTED]. It would also take valuable parking spaces from houses already suffering from the Imposed Red Route, which would make deliveries for vulnerable neighbours impossible. There is already a crossing point by the junction of Blundells Road, and I don't think a zebra crossing is needed. There have been no serious accidents, but what is needed is a speed camera for the cars who speed up and down Norcot Road every day.
12. Object	We already have speed ramps, a very narrow bit to drive through, and pedestrian lights further up, surely money would be better spent fixing potholes in the road and stopping the parents parking badly when dropping children off to school. e parents As I driver it seems ridiculous. The parents would not use it as they dont always use the lights now!!! Money could be better spent elsewhere
13. Support	Traffic calming in this area is required. Further down the road congestion is caused by a misplaced bus stop at a busy junction at church end lane. If the stop was moved into the bus lane further down, this simple action would improve traffic flow .
14. Support	Seems a sensible idea but surely moving the bus stop further down Norcot Road would position it too close to the next one?  The reservation from a safety point of view is that cars regularly drive up from the Norcot roundabout at ridiculous speeds well in excess of the limit and if a bus is stationary at the stop then these drivers may not have have visibility of anyone already on the crossing. A simple fix to this would be to relocate the speed camera at Blundells Road further down so that the crossing would be afforded protection by speed cameras in both directions.
15. Support	It may help with the speeding cars along that road, it is being used as a racetrack at the moment!
16. Support	Good idea as drivers are fast.

17. Support	A crossing there AND on Church End Lane near the junction with Norcot Rd would bbe useful. Furthermore, a bus shelter at Blundells Rd has long been requested but never agreed.
18. Support	There are few safe places to cross on norcot road, this would be an improvement.
19. Support	No comments provided.
20. Object	Waste of money, serves no purpose other than disrupting the traffic already disrupted with the ridiculous red route not required this far out of town.
21. Object	Waste of time and money. The traffic island is suffice
22. Support	No comments provided.
23. Support	Support as this is a busy road and not everyone is confident to cross a busy road without some formal crossing. On the basis that very few drivers will give pedestrians priority at uncontrolled locations, this will improve accessibility for those who need it and supports local active travel.
24. Comment from Thames Valley Police	I have reviewed the plans for the new zebra crossing and at this time I have no comments on the scheme. I would ask that when the scheme is completed that I can be included in any RSA 3.
25. Object	I feel this an unnecessary change. I Have lived in this part of Norcot road and have never found crossing a problem. I have crossed at the bollards with double buggies young children and dogs with iut difficulty. My [REDACTED] year old mother crosses here and says its fine. I am very concerned that any change will impact on the already limited parking for visiting vehicles in Norcot Road.
26. Object	I object strongly, as I did in October last year, about the relocation of the bus stop to outside [REDACTED], for the following reasons:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Driving [REDACTED] onto Norcot Rd, I have to pull out into the middle of the road to see past the vans and cars parked to the left because of the bays newly installed to safely drive out.</li> <li>2. Looking right to where you propose to move the bus stop will impinge on my vision to drive safely out onto Norcot Rd because of people standing in a queue and Buses.</li> <li>3. Buses arrive every 7 mins 24 hrs a day so this will inevitably cause an accident sooner or later.</li> <li>4. Other car users have to pull out of the alley [REDACTED], as well, because they have garages around the back of their properties.</li> <li>5. Litter and anti-social behaviour problems are an on going problem in this area which I don't want to have [REDACTED]. I have had to call the Police out on many occasions over the years because of incidents in the alley [REDACTED].</li> <li>6. I am a [REDACTED] and this will give me anxiety and stress to have people waiting [REDACTED] at the bus stop as they will be able to [REDACTED] which is a privacy issue. The extra noise and purple light of the No 17 bus stopping plus people coming and going, talking, shouting, will have an impact on my sleep as [REDACTED]. I have lived here for [REDACTED] and object to this bus stop being moved to</li> </ol>

outside of [REDACTED]. This will effect the value of my property.

7. I have used the island crossing all my life and crossed with [REDACTED] safely so I think that the existing traffic island should stay. To my knowledge no one has ever been injured on this part of the road.
8. You could install signs to slow traffic to 20 miles per hr as there are a lot of residents in this area and install more cameras to slow cars down as they have in Southcote Rd and make money from them if cars go too fast. You could paint signs on the road to remind car drivers what the speed restrictions are.
9. I have spoken to my neighbours and they are all saying the same to leave the bus stop where it is because they don't want this to happen.

Please move the bus stop further up the road towards Tilehurst village, past Blundells Rd towards School Road [REDACTED] if absolutely necessary as this would be safer option. Please take my concerns seriously.

I thank you for your time and I would be grateful if you would acknowledge my email to say that you have received my objections.