

Delegated Officer Report **(Non Key and Contracts up to a value of £100k)**

Decision Maker:	Director of Environment, Nasir Dad
Date of Decision:	25 August 2023
Subject:	Proposed Active Travel Fund (ATF) Crossing Order – Church Road, Shaw
Report Author:	Lewis Bowles – Highway Design Team
Ward(s) Affected:	Shaw and Crompton

Reason for the decision:

This report seeks delegated approval for the introduction of a crossing location and permanent closure of the road between Church Road and The Avenue in line with the schedule and drawings at the end of this report.

Summary:

Church Road is an unclassified road with footway provision to both sides and is subject to a 30mph speed limit and has system of street lighting. The road is situated between the junction of the A663 Big Lamp Roundabout and B614 Rochdale Road. Along this road, there is no dedicated crossing points for users.

This scheme has been borne out of resident and councillor concerns regarding difficulties faced by residents who are struggling to cross Church Road / Chamber Road due to a lack of any dedicated facilities

The proposal is to construct, at the junction of the Avenue and Church Road, a zebra crossing with a parallel crossing for cyclists, across Church Road. The aim of the works is to allow users to safely cross the road. Due to the width of the road, the footway is to be widened to give users an area to cross from. This will be completed through Prohibition of Driving Order with an Exemption for Cyclists of the road between Church Road and The Avenue. This allows for a crossing area for

both cyclists and pedestrians moving across the carriageway without interface with vehicular traffic, creating an area for cyclists to directly move from the crossing towards the Avenue.

What are the alternative option(s) to be considered? Please give the reason(s) for recommendation(s):

Option 1: To approve the recommendation

Option 2: Not to approve the recommendation

Consultation: including any conflict of interest declared by relevant Cabinet Member consulted

The Ward Members have been consulted and Councillor H Sykes stated: I am supportive of these proposals and have been asking about improving safety for non car users when crossing this road for many years. This will also have an impact on vehicle speeds which will also be welcome safety improvement for all road/pavement users and local residents

Councillor L Hamblett, I'm very happy to support this scheme and look forward to seeing this coming to fruition. As a pedestrian and cyclist, myself it's really welcoming to see.

G.M.P. View - The Chief Constable has been consulted and has no objection to this proposal.

T.f.G.M. View - The Director General has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.

G.M. Fire Service View - The County Fire Officer has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.

N.W. Ambulance Service View - The County Ambulance Officer has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.

Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that the Active Travel Fund Church Road Crossing is approved and implemented, in accordance with the drawings and schedules at the end of this report.

Implications:

*What are the **financial** implications?*

The cost of introducing the order is shown below:

	£
Advertisement of Order	1,200
Annual Maintenance Cost	100

The advertising expenditure of £1,200 will be funded from the 2023/24 Highways TRO budget.

The annual maintenance costs estimated at £100 per annum will be met from the Highways Operations budget. If there are pressures in this area as the financial year progresses, the Directorate will have to manage its resources to ensure that there is no adverse overall variance at the financial year end.

(John Edisbury)

What are the **procurement** implications?

None

What are the **legal** implications?

Under section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council may establish crossings for pedestrians on roads for which it is the traffic authority and may alter or remove any such crossings. Before establishing, altering or removing a crossing the Council must consult the chief officer of police and give public notice of the proposal.

In relation to the proposed prohibition of driving order, the Council must be satisfied that it is expedient to make the Traffic Regulation Order in order to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or for preventing damage to the road or to any building on or near the road, or for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic, including pedestrians, or for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property or for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

In addition to the above, under section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, it shall be the duty of the Council so to exercise the functions conferred on them by the Act as to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. Regard must also be had to the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises, the effect on the amenities of any locality affected

and the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run, the strategy produced under section 80 Environmental Protection Act 1990 (the national air quality strategy), the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles and any other matters appearing to the Council to be relevant. (A Evans)

*What are the **Human Resources** implications?*

None

Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment attached or not required because (please give reason)

Creation of a parallel crossing will provide a positive impact on those wishing to cross the carriageway and provide safer methods of travel.

*What are the **property** implications*

None

Risks:

If option 2 is confirmed, scheme will not be able to go ahead and funding from the Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 pot will be lost.

Co-operative agenda

This proposal aims to implement a zebra crossing with a parallel crossing on Church Road which will keep pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists safe and reduce the number of traffic incidents in Oldham. (Mahmuda Khanom)

Has the relevant Legal Officer confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution?

Yes

Has the relevant Finance Officer confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget?

Yes

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council?

No

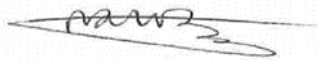
There are no background papers for this report

Report Author Sign-off:	Lewis Bowles
Date:	25 August 2023

Please list any appendices:-

Appendix number or letter	Description
Appendix A	N0210289-0100-V-0001 General Arrangement Rev A A1 Landscape
Appendix B	Schedules

In consultation with Director of Environment

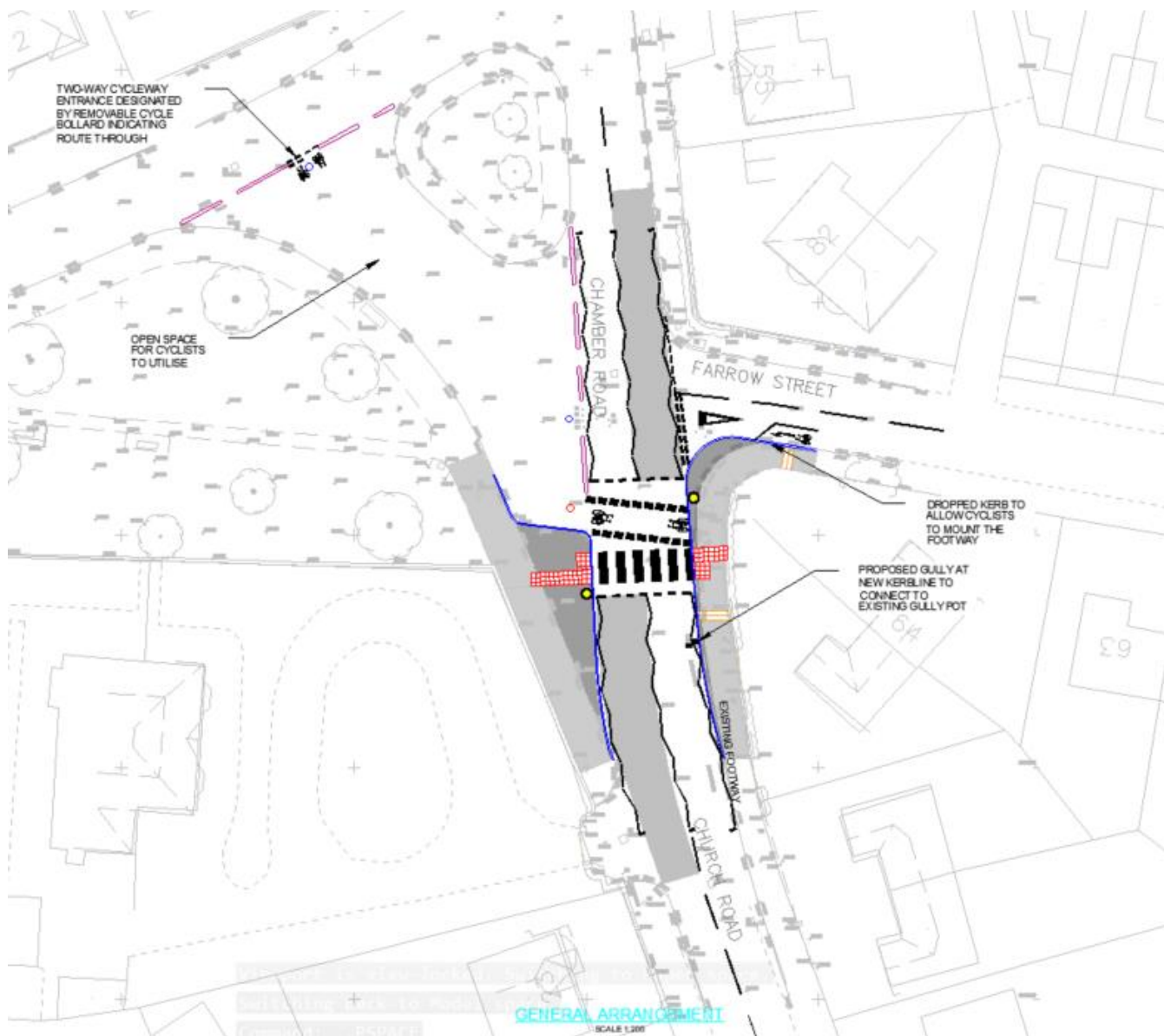


Signed :

Date: 13.09.2023

Appendix A – General Arrangement

N0210289-0100-V-0001 General Arrangement Rev A A1 Landscape



Appendix B - Schedule

Church Road, Shaw

Introduce a Parallel Zebra Crossing

Road	Description
Church Road, Shaw	The central point of the crossing located at a point 8 m South of its junction with Farrow Street. The total length of the controlled area being 10 m

Introduce a Prohibition of Driving Order with an Exemption for Cyclists

Road	Description
The North Westerly Spur of Church Road, Shaw	From its junction with The Avenue to its junction with Chamber Road, Shaw