

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR TOWN CENTRES, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PROSPERITY**

**Venue: Town Hall, Moorgate  
Street, ROTHERHAM.  
S60 2TH**

**Date: Monday, 9th January, 2012**

**Time: 10.30 a.m.**

### **A G E N D A**

1. To determine if the following matters are likely to be considered under the categories suggested, in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended March 2006) to the Local Government Act 1972.
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency.
3. Minutes of the Previous Meetings held on:-
  - Cabinet Member for Town Centres, Economic Growth and Prosperity held 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2011.
  - Cabinet Member for Town Centres, Economic Growth and Prosperity held 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2011.
  - Cabinet Member for Town Centres, Economic Growth and Prosperity held 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2011
  - Cabinet Member for Town Centres, Economic Growth and Prosperity held 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2011

For signature by the Cabinet Member.

(See White Book – Minutes presented to Council on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2011)

4. Opening of Offers (report herewith) (Pages 1 - 2)
5. Accessibility Improvements - Phase 3 - Doncaster Road, East Dene (report herewith) (Pages 3 - 12)
  - Tom Finnegan-Smith, Transportation and Highways Projects Group Manager, to report.
6. Exclusion of the Press and Public.

The following item is likely to be considered in the absence of the press and public as being exempt under Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006) (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular individual (including the Council)).
7. Town Centre Business Vitality Grant Application (report herewith) (Pages 13 - 17)
  - Bernadette Rushton, Retail Investment Manager to report.

**ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Town Centres, Economic Growth and Prosperity</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> January, 2012</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>OPENING OF OFFERS</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Chief Executive's</b>

**5. Summary**

The purpose of this report is to record the opening of offers for the following on:-

9<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 for:-

- Former Cemetery Lodge, Workshop and Garages, 22 Boston Castle Grove, Moorgate.

**6. Recommendation:-**

**That the action of the Cabinet Member in opening the offers be recorded.**

## **7. Proposals and Details**

Offers in respect of the following were opened by the Cabinet Member for Town Centres, Economic Growth and Prosperity on:-

9<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 for:-

- Former Cemetery Lodge, Workshop and Garages, 22 Boston Castle Grove, Moorgate.

## **8. Finance**

To secure value for money and to secure a capital receipt.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

Service implications and public perception issues and costs associated with securing empty assets.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

In accordance with financial and contractual requirements.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

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<b>ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS</b>
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Town Centres, Economic Growth and Prosperity</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>9 January 2011</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Accessibility Improvements – Phase 3 – Doncaster Road, East Dene</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Environment and Development Services</b>

**5. Summary**

To inform Cabinet Member of a proposed accessibility improvement scheme on Doncaster Road, East Dene, and the receipt of two objections from residents.

**6. Recommendations**

**Cabinet Member is asked to resolve that:**

- i) The two objections, one for each proposed zebra crossing, are not acceded to and the objectors are informed of the decision.**
- ii) Implementation of the scheme, as shown on drawing number 126/17/TT115—REVB, commences in the 2011/2012 financial year.**
- iii) the scheme be joint funded from the Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Capital Programme for 2011/12 and the Local Sustainable Transport Fund grant 2011/12**

## 7. Proposals and Details

As part of the accessibility planning strategy an accessibility improvement scheme was developed for Doncaster Road, East Dene between Herringthorpe Valley Road and Rotherham Town Centre. This scheme aims to improve sustainable access for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users to local facilities and services and to reduce the segregation between neighbouring communities.

This scheme was first described and separated into three phases in the 28 October 2008 report to Cabinet Member "Proposed Accessibility Improvements. Doncaster Road, St Ann's to East Dene" (minute 124 refers). Phase 1 (Herringthorpe Valley Road to Far Lane) and Phase 2 (Middle Lane to Wharncliffe Street) have now been implemented.

Phase 3 (Middle Lane to Far Lane) has now been designed and it is proposed that implementation of the scheme, as shown on Drawing no.126/17/TT115-REVB (Appendix A), commences this financial year. This will link Phases 1 and 2 and complete the corridor.

Phase 3 proposals include:

- A zebra crossing between Cranworth Road and Oxford Street with a footway build out to narrow the kerb to kerb width of the carriageway. This requires the removal of a refuge.
- A zebra crossing adjacent to East Dene Junior and Infant School. The footway would also be built out on the northern side of the road to narrow the width carriageway and a nearby bus stop would be moved to accommodate the zebra crossing.
- A pedestrian refuge near Vulcan house, Eastleigh and Bishopstoke Court residential care homes.
- Junction entry treatments to continue the footway across the accesses to Vulcan house, Eastleigh and Bishopstoke Court residential care homes.
- The continuation of the westbound uphill cycle lane from the end of the Phase 1 Accessibility Improvement scheme to the proposed zebra crossing at Oxford Street. This will include lining amendments to narrow the carriageway and encourage lower traffic speeds in both directions between the junction with Far Lane and the zebra crossing.
- A new eastbound uphill cycle lane from the Selwood flats to the Oxford Street Zebra Crossing
- Bus stops within the extent of the scheme are proposed to be made accessible to those less mobile by the use of raised kerbs and identifiable to the visually impaired by the use of textured paving.

- Tactile crossing points on side roads and at existing refuges within the extents of the scheme.

Consultation and information for affected frontages and other properties was undertaken in November 2011. This resulted in several comments on the scheme and the elements it contains (Appendix B). Two objections have been received, one for each of the proposed zebra crossings, from residents whose frontage would directly be affected (Appendix C). These objections cited concerns about the specific location of these crossings and potential safety implications, potential for anti-social type behaviour, the loss of on-street parking capacity and their perceived negative impact on property values. The proposed zebra crossing located between Cranworth Road and Oxford Street would be sited in the only suitable space without affecting driveway accesses. This section of Doncaster Road is a regular crossing point for school children walking between Clifton Comprehensive School Campuses. The proposed zebra crossing outside East Dene Junior and Infant School would also be located where it will have greatest benefit. More pedestrians cross Doncaster Road in the section outside the school than in the section outside East Dene Social Club. If the crossing were to be placed further east or west of the proposed site it would likely be less well used as pedestrians would not walk out of their way to use it and may cross away from the controlled crossing.

On street parking would be prohibited in the vicinity of the zebra crossing by means of the controlled zone (denoted by zig zag road markings). This would remove the opportunity for residents (and school related traffic) to park on street. However, all affected properties have off street parking available. Both of the proposed zebra crossings are in front of multiple properties but we have only received objections from one at each location. The scheme will affect those households with more than two or three vehicles who currently utilise the road to park their additional vehicles. However, the ultimate purpose for the highway is the free and safe movement of people either by motorised means or not. This scheme would deliver improved non motorised accessibility and potentially have a traffic calming aspect through the reduced carriageway widths and amended road layouts.

### **8. Finance**

The cost for the scheme has been estimated at £250,000 (including both fees and works cost). Funding is currently available from the South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Capital Programme for 2011-2012. The Local Sustainable Transport Fund has allocated a £68,000 contribution to this scheme in 2011-12.

### **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

Without the zebra crossings the proposed scheme would not maximise the benefit in accessibility terms for pedestrians and the disabled or infirm.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

The provision of accessibility improvements which include all of the elements described would be in line with the objectives set out in the South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

28 October 2008 Report to Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development Services - Proposed Accessibility Improvements. Doncaster Road, St Ann's to East Dene (minute 124 refers)

Oct/Nov 2011 Consultation with Council Ward Members and Statutory consultees.

Nov 2011 Consultation and information with residents and affected frontages.

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- Other Notes**
- All Existing Cycle Lanes To Be Protected As All Pedestrians
  - All Existing Centre Lines To Be Removed And Replaced As Shown
  - Existing Street Lighting To Be Investigated
  - All Bus Stops To Be Benchmarked

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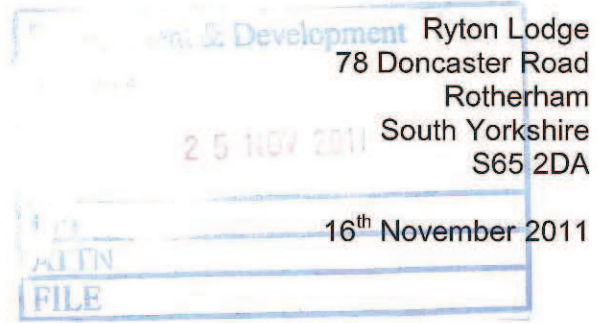
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**ACCESIBILITY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME –  
DONCASTER ROAD – EAST DENE – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Residents of Doncaster Road**

- Gentleman liked the plans for the zebra and the buildout to prevent parking outside his property. Has frequent problems with school related traffic blocking his drive. Only queries whether the access to his drive would remain. **Informed him that the access to his drive will remain, only that the footway, and hence VAC, would be wider as a consequence of the buildout.**
- Gentleman queried whether his drive access would change because of bus stop marking etc. **Informed him that no changes to kerblines or access arrangements planned outside his property.**
- Lady was worried that there would be less parking for her visitors. **No changes to parking arrangements outside this lady's home. Won't be any better or any worse re. parking.**
- Lady emailed following comments: "Thank you for the information popped through my door regarding the above improvements. I was very pleased to see that these were going to take place, as they will improve the access across Doncaster Road, and hopefully slow down the traffic. I have seen many cars travel Doncaster Road particularly the stretch between Far Lane and Middle Lane, between 30 and 60 miles an hour, when I have been walking with my son. Crossing Middle Lane at the junction to Doncaster Road is also an issue for us, as we often walk to the park, and it can be very busy on this road at the park, now having a crossing opposite Cranworth Road means I have a safe means to cross two crossings to cross to the park. Therefore avoiding crossing at the roundabout, which is notoriously difficult to cross some days."
- Lady had concerns that the extension to the cycle lane would prevent her parking on street. She doesn't have a driveway. **Informed her that the cycle lane would not prohibit on street parking.**



Planning and Regeneration  
 Bailey House  
 Rawmarsh Road, Rotherham

Attention of Richard Baker

Reference: Zebra Crossing Doncaster Road, East Dene: outside numbers 76 & 78

Dear Sir

Thank you for your letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> November informing us of the proposed scheme. After reading the proposal and looking at the plans, I can see there will be obvious issues for both our neighbours and myself. These predominantly reflect on the parking issues that will arise for us as residents immediately outside our premises. In my household, we have four motor vehicles belonging to us and can only accommodate two vehicles on the drive at any given time. The other two vehicles are heavily dependent on street parking immediately outside the house.

The reasons for having the vehicles outside the house are for the obvious of security and safety and accessibility to the home address. In the past, we have recorded several reports of damage to vehicles when left near to the home but not directly outside and therefore this is relevant to justification as to the importance of space and availability to park outside the immediate location of the home address.

Under the proposed scheme, this would prevent the parking of our vehicles outside our home and create great inconvenience. I understand the fact this is a public highway and no one person has the right to park however there are obvious reasons for this request and opportunity to do so. I would also go as far as saying if the proposals were carried out this could possibly undervalue our property in this already very difficult economic market and any future aspirations of property value as this would take away the option of any direct street parking outside the home.

In a second observation, the Zebra crossing would encourage extra and unwanted activity immediately outside our property and drive ways that would cause us concern and the passing of unwanted and unnecessary people traffic to and from our properties. The volume of human traffic created from this crossing would inconvenience us and our lifestyles not only at the peak school times but at all times as being a dedicated crossing area. This would also filter many of the unwanted late night time club customers that may be encouraged to use the crossing.

I cannot see the logic and requirement of the crossing strictly being situated directly outside our property and not further up or below.. It is fair to say we are not supportive of this scheme and will respectfully request that consultation be done to review these proposals.



Yours Faithfully  
Mrs Z. Ahmed

Many thanks in anticipation

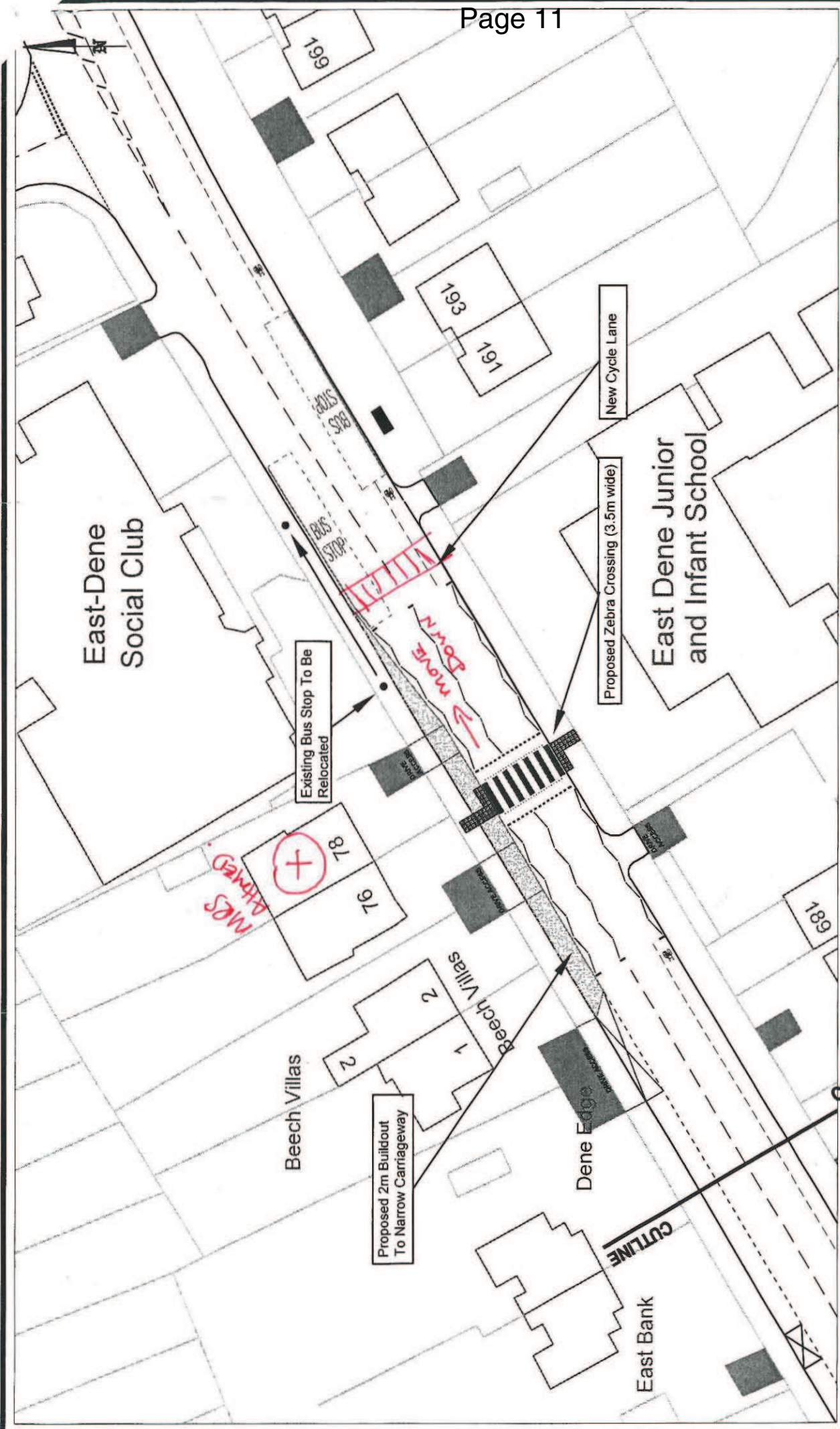
I look forward to hearing your response and plans for reconsideration of proposals.

perspective. those using the crossing at the material time. This proposal would also suit from a highways would not directly inconvenience any household and support the safety and welfare of all perspective, the club and pedestrian users of the bus stops. This way the pedestrian activity entrance to the school would therefore benefit all those crossing from a schooling. Alternatively, if the crossing section could be placed outside the club and nearer to the

this procedure could not be adopted for Doncaster Road. outside Broom Valley Junior & Infants School on Broom Valley Road, and cannot see why control barriers (refuge) in the carriageway to support crossing. I have seen this model into the carriageway speed humps to slow down the flow of traffic or potentially adding A proposed solution would be to potentially widen the footpath at some locations and build

not be the case in this instance and therefore it would not be suited to us. considerations and needs including that of the local residents. It is our opinion that this would create inconvenience. Programmes of this nature are best engineered to support all identified for pedestrian movements but would only encourage further pedestrian activity and environmental issues and safety. In our opinion, it is not necessarily the best venue to be Although we appreciate and understand that, it is a regeneration programme based on

We will at every cost object to the proposal as it stands. I strongly believe this action would be an invasion of our privacy and right to private life under the Human Rights Act.



<b>Title</b> Zebra Crossing, Doncaster Road, East Dene Located outside East Dene J&I School	
<b>Dwg. No.</b> 126/17/TT115--REVA-ZB	<b>Scales</b> (if A4) 1:500
<b>Drawn</b> RB	<b>Date</b> OCT 2011
<b>Chd. by</b>	<b>ND</b>

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Strategic Director  
 Karl Ralston-Bac (purs) (MTP, MTP)



Ref: 126/17/ZA - Zebra Crossing Doncaster Road, East Dene (top of cranworth rd)

Mr Tariq Mehrban  
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Doncaster Rd  
Rotherham  
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2<sup>nd</sup> December 2011

Dear Mr Baker

I am in receipt of your letter dated 10 November 2011 regarding the proposal to install a Zebra Crossing on Doncaster Road. I reside at 2 Cranworth House, Doncaster Road and object to the proposal on the following grounds:

- The plan shows that the edge of the Zebra Crossing partially covers the entrance to the driveway of 2 Cranworth House. I run a Taxi business from home and have an operators licence with permission to operate up to 20 vehicles from that address. I consider that installing a Zebra Crossing in such close proximity to the property, represents significant safety risks because of the volume of traffic turning into and out of the driveway. I also feel that putting the zebra crossing in such a close proximity to so many driveways including mine will indeed put additional danger on to pedestrians crossing rather than decreasing the problem with myself and other residents coming in and out of their driveways.

Should you require further information relating to my objection, please contact me on the number below.

Regards



Tariq Mehrban  
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