



Alcott Lane, Marston Green: Consultation Outcomes Report

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Purpose

This document has been prepared for The Head of Highway Infrastructure for decision on the proposed establishment of a zebra pedestrian crossing on Alcott Lane, Marston Green.

This report shall consider representations received to an advertised Section 23 notice as seen in Appendix B.

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The revised Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 (CDM Regulations) came into force in April 2015 to update certain duties on all parties involved in a construction project, including those promoting the development. One of the designer's responsibilities under clause 9 (1) is to ensure that the client organisation, in this instance by provision of this document the Highway Infrastructure department, is made aware of their duties under the CDM Regulations.

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1. Background

- 1.1. The HS2 Road Safety Fund allocation aims to facilitate highway improvement schemes that will contribute to a lasting road safety legacy in areas affected by or near the HS2 corridor. Alcott Lane, Marston Green was identified as a site that would benefit from the installation of a new zebra crossing facility to aid pedestrians crossing the road on route to and from local schools, amenities and transport links including Marston Green Train Station. The location can be seen below in Figure 1.1.

Figure 1.1: Location Plan of Proposals on Alcott Lane



- 1.2. The proposals as advertised are detailed in the consultation plan in Appendix A.
- 1.3. The proposals as advertised in the legal notice in Appendix B.

2. Representations for Consideration

- 2.1. The proposals were formally advertised on 9 May 2025 and the closing date for the receipt of representations was 30 May 2025.

2.2. One representation was received however it is important to note that the respondent did not directly object to the scheme but provided feedback and offered suggestions regarding the location of the proposed crossing facility.

2.3. The response to the single representation can be seen below.

Representation/Issue	Supporting Commentary
1 – Location of the proposed crossing and impact on deliveries	One representation was received regarding the location of the proposed zebra crossing. The respondent described their concerns regarding the impact of the proposed zig zag markings on future deliveries to their property. The respondent also raised ideas for the relocation of the proposed crossing facility to locations which may be better suited to the potential users of the facility.
Officers Comments/Response	
<p>There are existing parking restrictions in place covering the staggered crossroads of Alcott Lane, Chelmsley Lane and Moorend Avenue in the form of double yellow lines. Although the existing parking restrictions may allow for a period of loading and unloading to take place, it is deemed by the authority that it would not be possible to load and unload in the vicinity of the junctions without causing an obstruction to pedestrians or motorists. This is due to the junction layout and physical obstructions by the presence of street furniture (bollards, lighting columns and service cabinets).</p> <p>It is also noted that there is adequate available on-street car parking located on Chelmsley Lane, Alcott Lane and Moorend Avenue that, providing the vehicle is not obstructing pedestrians and motorists, delivery vehicles could park in proximity to the proposed crossing facility.</p> <p>The authority can confirm that the current proposed location serves a known, existing pedestrian desire line and is located at the site of an existing uncontrolled dropped crossing. The proposed facility can be constructed without requiring alterations to existing driveways, street furniture or bus stop locations, which may otherwise be required if the proposed crossing was located further north or south along Moorend Avenue and Alcott Lane respectively.</p>	

3. Other Matters for Consideration

Ward Members' Views

3.1. The Ward Members for Bickenhill were informed of the proposals prior to the advertising of the Notice and did not submit any objections.

Democratic Services

3.2 Democratic Services have confirmed that the notice was subject to the statutory advertisement on the dates reported and that representations were received as noted above.

Risk Implications

3.3 The Corporate Risk Management Approach has been complied with to identify and assess the significant risks associated with this decision/project. This includes (but is not limited to) political, legislation and reputation risks.

3.4 The Approach is not intended to eliminate all risks and not all the risks identified can be managed all of the time. Also, risks will still exist that have not been identified.

4. Recommendations for Decision

Officer Recommendations

- 4.1. It is recommended that the Proposed Zebra Crossing be constructed as per Drawing No. P25-31-SMBC-GEN-DR-P-0001 (Appendix A)

For Decision

- 4.2. The Head of Highway Infrastructure is asked to approve:

- 4.2.1. The proposed Installation of a zebra Pedestrian Crossing as per Drawing No. P25-31-SMBC-GEN-DR-P-0001 (Appendix A).

The recommendation as set out above is hereby approved:

Signature:



Date: 02-06-2025

Dean Ward
Head of Highway Infrastructure

Appendix A: Consultation Plan



Appendix B: Legal Notice



MEMORANDUM

Economy and Infrastructure Directorate

To:	Lee Stevenson Legal & Democratic Services Division	Date: 14/04/25
From:	Dean Ward Head of Highway Infrastructure	File Ref: P25-31
Subject:	Section 23 Notice for the installation of a new Zebra Crossing – (Alcott Lane, Marston Green)	

Dear Lee,

I approve the advertisement of the installation of a new Zebra Crossing on **Alcott Lane, Marston Green** (as per Drawing No. P25-31-SMBC-GEN-DR-P-0001) and, if no objections are received, install the new facilities.

Comments: For all future enquiries, please contact Ethan Josephs
(Ethan.Josephs@solihull.gov.uk)

Signed: 

Name: Dean Ward, Head of Highway Infrastructure

Dated: 15/04/2025