



## Poplar Road: Consultation Outcomes Report

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## Purpose

This document has been prepared for the Head of Highway Infrastructure for a decision on the proposed installation of a zebra pedestrian crossing and raised table on Poplar Road south of its junction with Mill Lane.

This report shall consider representations received to an advertised Section 23 and Section 90A notice as seen in Appendix B.

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## 1. Background

- 1.1. As part of the Authorities ongoing annual Local Network Improvement Plan (LNIP), the Authority has undertaken a review to identify areas that would benefit from having permanent crossing facilities installed to enhance pedestrian accessibility in those areas. As part of this process, Poplar Road was identified as a site that would benefit from the installation of a raised zebra crossing facility to aid pedestrians crossing the road on route to and from local schools and amenities.
- 1.2. The location of the proposed facility on Poplar Road, south of its junction with Mill Lane is a known pedestrian desire line, particularly during peak times and for parents and children on their journeys to and from local schools. There is currently an existing uncontrolled dropped crossing facility near to the proposed location and therefore, an opportunity was identified to implement a raised Zebra Crossing to improve road safety and pedestrian accessibility.

**Figure 1.1: Location Plan of Proposals on Poplar Road**



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

## 2. Representations for Consideration

- 2.1. The proposals were formally advertised on 28 November 2025. The closing date for the receipt of representations was 19 December 2025.
- 2.2. One representation was received regarding the installation of a raised Zebra Crossing on Poplar Road which has been considered and a response provided below.

Representation/Issue	Supporting Commentary
<b>Proximity to the junction and perception of safety</b>	The respondent objects to the proposals and perceives the crossing to be too close to the junction; by removing the school crossing patrol the perception of safety has been reduced.
<b>Officers Comments/Response</b>	<p>The proposed Raised Zebra Crossing has been designed in full accordance with current national guidance and best practice standards. An independent Road Safety Audit has been undertaken, which raised no concerns regarding its location in relation to the junction with Mill Lane.</p> <p>The proposed facility will provide a permanent, formalised controlled crossing in which pedestrians will have priority over motorists and will be in operation 24/7. It is considered by the authority therefore that the proposed facility provides a consistent provision for all pedestrians beyond the limited operating periods of a School Crossing Patrol at this location.</p>

### 3. Other Matters for Consideration

#### Ward Members' Views

3.1. The Ward Members for Dorridge and Hockley Heath were informed of the proposals prior to advertising 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 one representation was 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

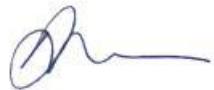
4.1. It is recommended to be implemented as per Drawing no. 236222-SMBC-GEN-DR-P-0003-A shown in Appendix A.

#### For Decision

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

4.3. The installation of Traffic Calming Measures (Raised table) and Establishment of a Zebra Pedestrian Crossing is implemented.

The recommendation as set out above is hereby approved:



Signature:

Date: 23/12/2025

Dean Ward  
Head of Highway Infrastructure

## Appendix A: Consultation Plan



## Appendix B: Legal Notice

### SOLIHULL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

#### **Poplar Road, Dorridge - Proposed Traffic Calming Measures (Raised Table) and Establishment of New Zebra Crossing**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Council, in accordance with Section 90A of the Highways Act 1980 and in accordance with Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police, intends to construct the following traffic calming measures and commission new Zebra Crossing facilities at the locations specified below:

<b>SITE LOCATION (New Raised Table)</b>	<b>WIDTH</b>	<b>HEIGHT</b>	<b>LENGTH</b>
<b>Poplar Road, Dorridge</b> - approximately 10m south of its junction with Mill Lane.	6.7m	75mm	6.5m
<b>LOCATION OF PROPOSED NEW ZEBRA CROSSING</b>			
<b>Poplar Road, Dorridge</b> - approximately 10m south of its junction with Mill Lane, sited upon the new Raised Table above.			

A copy of the draft scheme, together with a map and details of the Council's reasons for proposing it, may be obtained via <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Roads-pavements-and-streetcare//Traffic-regulation-orders> or by written request from the address below or inspected at Solihull Connect, The Core, Theatre Square, Touchwood, Solihull during normal opening hours. Anyone wishing to object to the scheme should apply in writing to [tro@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:tro@solihull.gov.uk) or to Mr L Stevenson, Legal & Democratic Services at the address given below, stating the grounds on which the objection is being made by 19 December 2025.

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