



Bills Lane (Shakespeare Drive): Consultation Outcomes Report

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Purpose

This document has been prepared for the Head of Highways for a decision on the proposed installation of a new zebra pedestrian crossing located on a newly constructed full width road hump on Bills 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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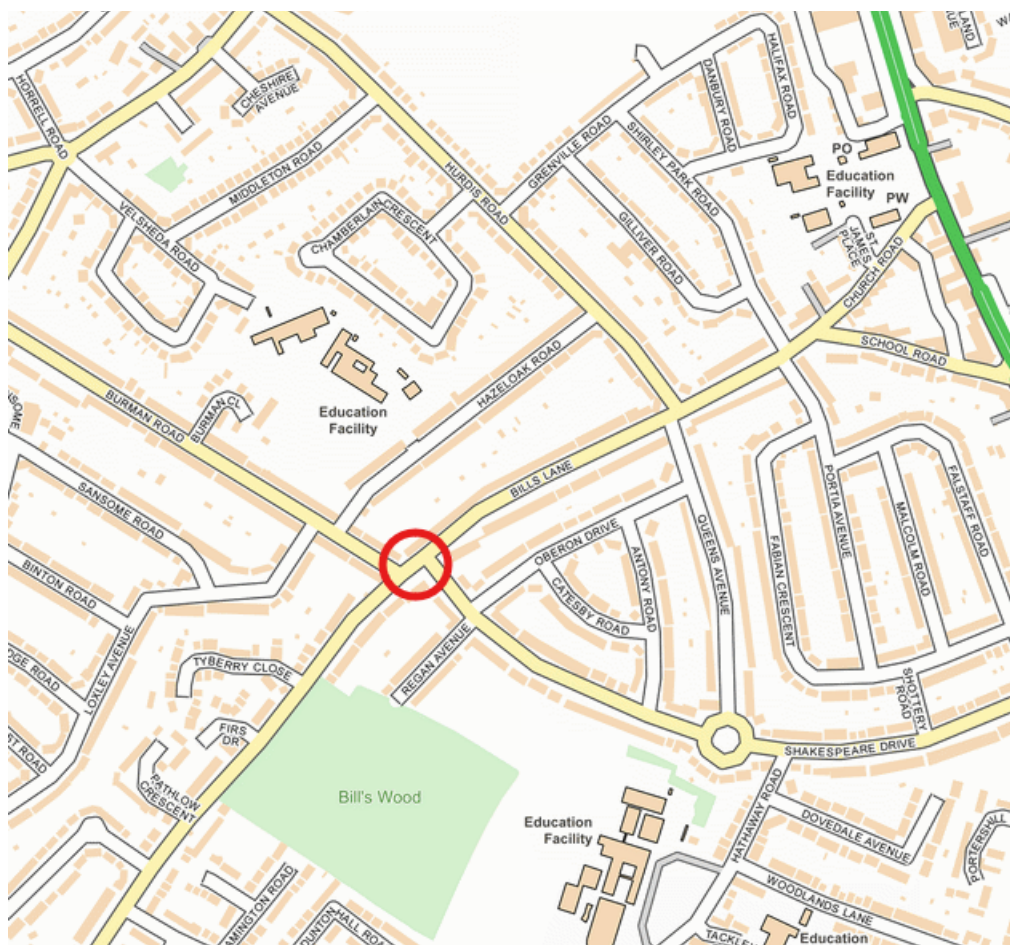
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1. Background

- 1.1. The Authority has undertaken a review to identify areas that would benefit from highway improvement schemes that promote and enhance active travel options as part of the 2026/2027 Integrated Settlement Funding. Bills Lane (Shakespeare Drive) was identified as a site that would benefit from the installation of a new raised zebra crossing to aid pedestrians crossing the road on route to and from local amenities and educational facilities.
- 1.2. The location of the proposed facilities on Bills Lane serves established pedestrian desire lines, particularly during peak times, particularly for parents and children on their journeys to and from local educational facilities. The location of the proposals can be seen below in Figure 1.1.

Figure 1.1: Location Plan of Proposals on Bills Lane.



- 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 10 July 2026. The closing date for the receipt of representations was 31 July 2026.
- 2.2. One representation was received during the consultation period and has been considered and responded to below.

Representation/Issue	Supporting Commentary
1 – Location of the proposed crossing facility	The single representation received raised concerns regarding the location of the crossing, particularly for vehicles manoeuvring from Burman Road and Shakespeare Drive onto Bills Lane.
Officers Comments/Response	
The location of the crossing has been subject to an independent Road Safety Audit (RSA) in which no issues were raised regarding the visibility of the crossing and/or its proximity to the two junctions of Burman Road and Shakespeare Drive. A further independent RSA will be conducted following construction of the works to identify if any new or latent risks are present. The proposals include additional street lighting illuminating the crossing and advance signage to warn motorists of the crossing on all approaches to the facility. Additionally, as the proposed crossing is situated in proximity to both Burman Road and Shakespeare Drive, motorists are expected to be manoeuvring at low speeds, particularly when exiting the side roads which will inherently decrease the risk posed to pedestrian and particularly users of the proposed zebra crossing.	

3. Other Matters for Consideration

Ward Members' Views

- 3.1. The Ward Members for Shirley South and Shirley West were informed of the proposals prior to advertising the notices 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 no 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. Following consideration of the single representation received, it is recommended that the proposals be implemented as per Drawing no. 236224-SMBC-GEN-DR-C-0001 as shown in Appendix A.

For Decision

- 4.2. The Head of Highways is asked to approve:
- 4.3. The installation of the Traffic Calming Measures Single full width raised road hump Establishment of one new Zebra Pedestrian Crossing.

The recommendation as set out above is hereby approved:

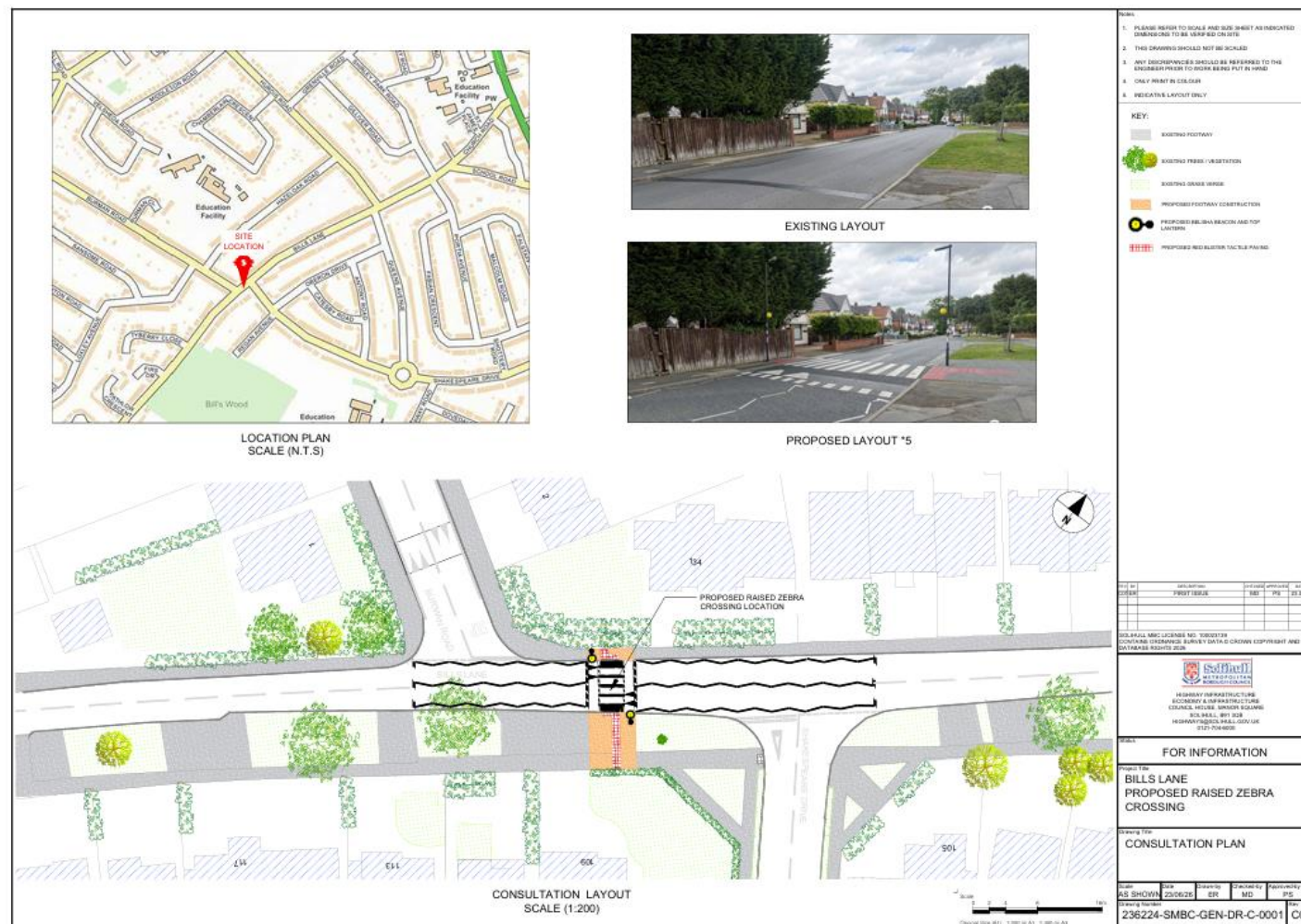
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Date: 11/08/2026

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Head of Highways

Appendix A: Consultation Plan



Appendix B: Legal Notice

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Bills Lane, Shirley - 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:

SITE LOCATION (New Raised Table)	WIDTH	HEIGHT	LENGTH
Bills Lane, Shirley – single, full-width, raised road hump on Bills Lane approximately 19m southwest of its junction with Shakespeare Drive.	6.5m	75mm	5.6m
LOCATION OF PROPOSED NEW ZEBRA CROSSING			
Bills Lane, Shirley - approximately 19m southwest of its junction with Shakespeare Drive, 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 or to Mr L Stevenson, Legal & Democratic Services at the address given below, stating the grounds on which the objection is being made by 31 July 2026.

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