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The Occupier

Dear Sir/Madam,

THE AVENUE, LINTHORPE – PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING: PUBLIC CONSULTATION EXERCISE

As part of its ongoing commitments to reduce the number and severity of casualties on the Borough's road network and encourage local journeys to be made by more sustainable alternatives to the private car, Middlesbrough Council is proposing to introduce a new zebra crossing on The Avenue in Linthorpe, just to the south of its junction with Cornfield Road.

The attached plan shows the proposed scheme, which has been designed to address concerns expressed by local residents, Ward Councillors and St. Edward's RC Primary School regarding pedestrian safety at the existing School Crossing Patrol site on The Avenue, particularly at school start and finish times. A number of other complimentary measures, including a reduction in the speed limit on The Avenue and Eastbourne Road from 30 mph to 20 mph, are also being progressed in order to create a more 'pedestrian friendly' environment on the roads in the vicinity of the school and, by doing so, reducing the potential for collisions to occur.

The proposed scheme comprises the introduction of a zebra crossing adjacent to no. 49 The Avenue, which is where the existing patrol operates at school start and finish times. The crossing beacons will be screened from the side to ensure that the occupiers of nearby properties are not disturbed during the hours of darkness.

The existing footpath on the west side of The Avenue will be extended into the carriageway by around 2 metres at and on the approaches to the new crossing. This will allow pedestrians to see clearly in both directions when using the crossing, whilst also allowing most of the existing on-street parking on the west side of The Avenue to be retained.

The 'through' carriageway will be reduced to a width of approximately 6 metres between Cornfield Road and Sycamore Road, which will allow larger vehicles such as buses to pass each other safely whilst at the same time encouraging drivers on The Avenue to approach the crossing point at an appropriate speed. This reduction in the carriageway width will also be fully consistent with the proposed reduction in the existing speed limit, as mentioned above.

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