
Meeting: Traffic Management Meeting
Date: 20 October 2009
Subject: Proposed Road Humps – Potton Road Biggleswade
Report of: Basil Jackson
Summary: To report to the portfolio holder for Safer and Stronger Communities the results of a consultation with residents of Biggleswade Town on the introduction of raised table junctions at St Johns Street/Birch Road, Mountbatten Drive/Potton Road, Havelock Road/Potton Road and Furzenhall Road/Potton Road and to seek approval for a way forward for implementation.

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Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: Biggleswade

Function of: Council

RECOMMENDATIONS:

that the measures proposed and advertised be implemented as set out in this report.

Background and Information

1. As part of the Planning Application Number MB/05/01477, S106 Agreement and Reserved Matters the former Mid Bedfordshire District Council and Bedfordshire County Council sought the design and implementation of measures along and in the vicinity of Potton Road Biggleswade as part of the future Biggleswade development to improve safety for both schools and for the wider community. The design of the scheme has been developed by TA Millard consulting on behalf of David Wilson Homes in partnership with Bedfordshire Highways, with the design of the scheme and works being fully funded by the developer.

2. Following improvement measures at Potton Road and St. Johns Street Biggleswade are planning approval conditions imposed by the Local Planning Authority and the former County Council as part of the future development for Biggleswade and are a part of a wide range of measures being proposed and delivered during the course of future years:
 - Raised flat top table platform at St. Johns Street/Birch Road junction, intending to assist pedestrians crossing the road and to slow vehicle speeds through the junction on all approaches.
 - Raised flat top table platform at Mountbatten Drive/Potton Road junction, intending to assist pedestrians crossing the road and to slow vehicle speeds through the junction on all approaches.
 - Raised flat top table platform at Havelock Drive/Potton Road junction, intending to assist pedestrians crossing the road and to slow vehicle speeds through the junction on all approaches.
 - Raised flat top table platform at Furzenhall Road/Potton Road junction, intending to assist pedestrians crossing the road and to slow vehicle speeds through the junction on all approaches.

The results of this consultation were sufficiently positive that the decision was made between Central Bedfordshire Council and Bedfordshire Highways to proceed to detailed design.

The Way Forward

3. A consultation exercise was undertaken in September 2009 with all stakeholders, including letters being delivered to all residents in the vicinity of the proposals, as well as notices placed on site.
4. As a result of this consultation, two objections were received to the proposals:
2no. Objection to the Raised Junctions.

The summary of the received objections are as attached to this report

5. It is considered that the proposed measures will best meet the aspirations of the community, to both reduce vehicle speeds at perceived vulnerable locations and to improve safety at desired crossing locations on routes to and from school.
6. The above proposed junction road humps/crossings would be delivered in conjunction with the other proposed traffic calming measures including the mini-roundabout at Shortmead Street/Sun Street junction.

Conclusion and Next Steps

The proposed course of action is therefore to implement the following measures as advertised as part of the Planning Approval granted for Potton Road Traffic Calming Scheme Biggleswade package of measures:

- (a) To implement the raised junctions (75mm flat top road hump) at the following locations St. Johns Street/Birch Road, Mountbatten Drive/Potton Road, Havelock Drive/Potton Road and Furzenhall Road/Potton Road.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

Improve road safety and promote sustainable modes of transport

Financial:

There will be an allocation of funds provided by the developer either in this current years or next years development control capital work programme from which this work will be funded.

Legal:

None as a result of this report.

Risk Management:

None as a result of this report.

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

None as a result of this report.

Equalities/Human Rights:

None as a result of this report.

Community Development/Safety:

Will improve safety for pedestrians amongst community.

Sustainability:

Improved crossing points and traffic calming may help encourage modal shift.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Advertised plans of proposals.

Appendix B – Copy of original notices.

Appendix C – Copy of Schedule 5 of the S106 Agreement

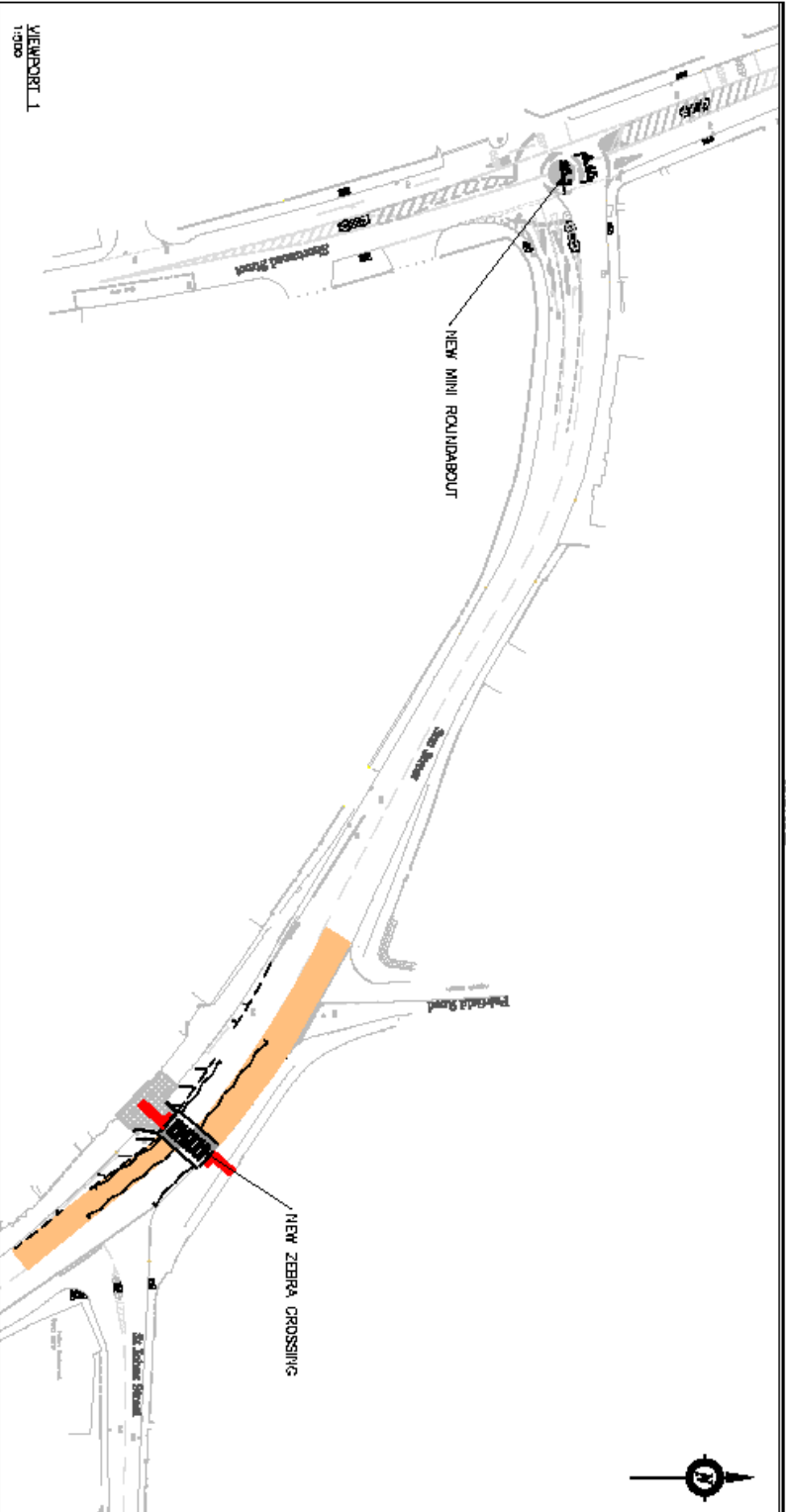
Background Papers:

Copies of objections

Location of papers:

Customer Service Centre, Central Bedfordshire Council, The Old Magistrates Court, 4 Saffron Road, Biggleswade and normal opening hours at Biggleswade Library, Chestnut Avenue, Biggleswade.

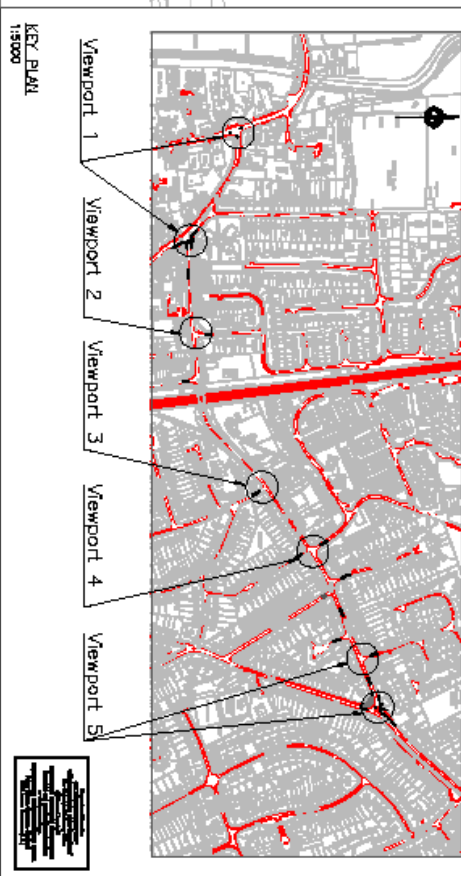
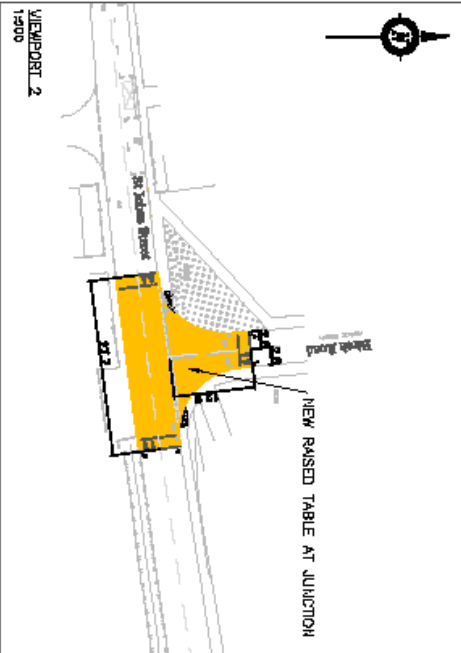
Appendix A



- Notes:**
- All dimensions are to centre unless specified otherwise.
 - The drawing is based on the details and locations supplied by T.A. Hillier Architects Limited (Phone: 01462 554444; Email: t.a.hillier@tahillier.co.uk; Website: www.ta-hillier.co.uk).
 - High colour of traffic signs, markings are shown for ease of identification only.

Key:

	Green Verges
	Maximum Pavement Width
	Half Coloured High Median Barriering
	Grey Coloured High Median Barriering
	Surf exposed Tactile Paving
	Road Coloured Tactile Paving



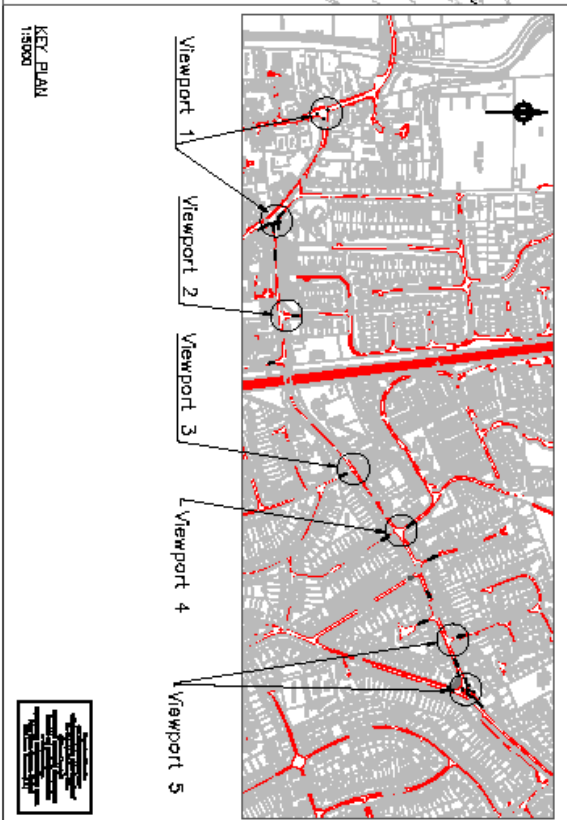
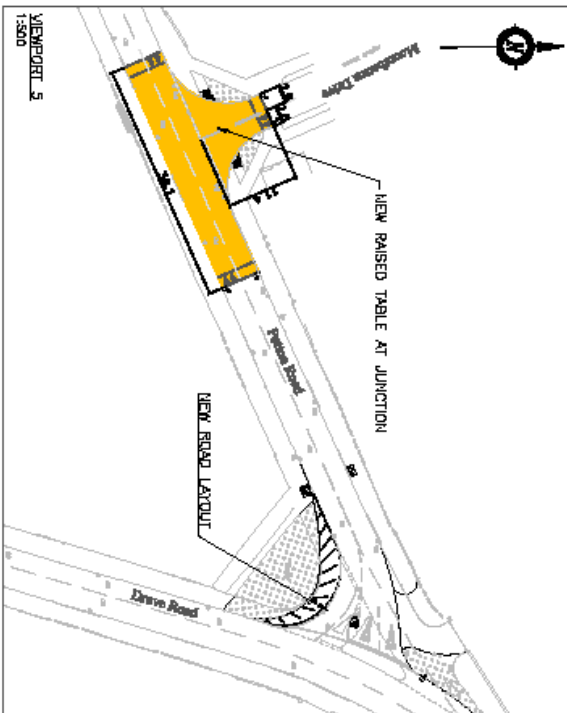
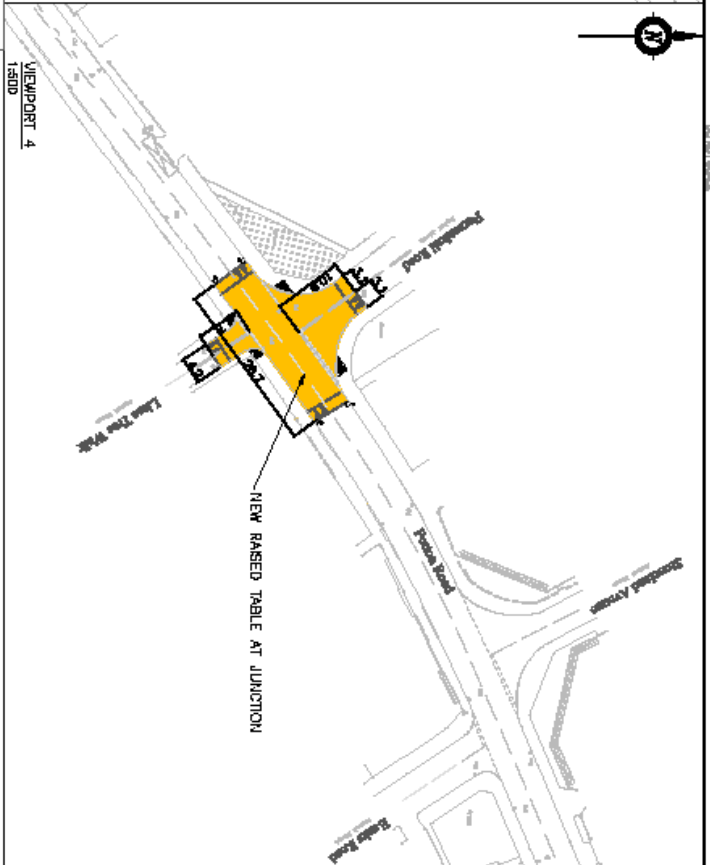
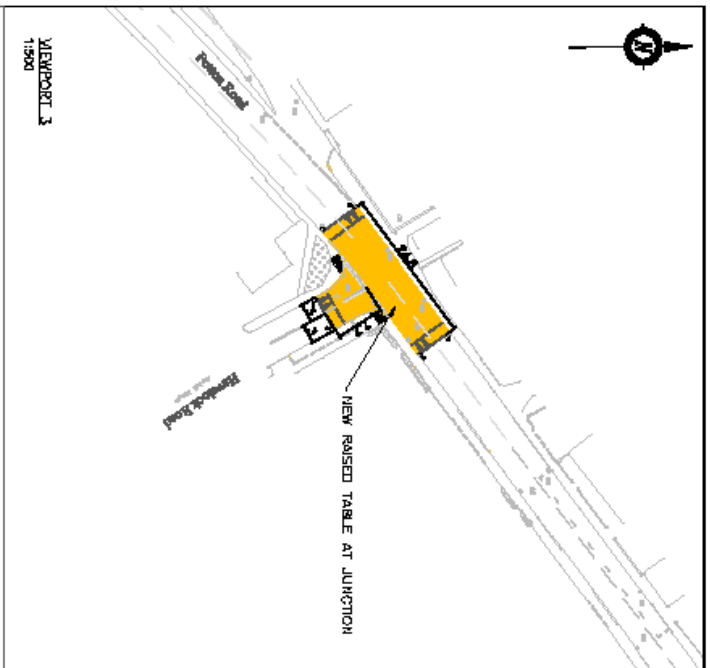
PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURE

POTTON ROAD BIRCHWOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTATION

SHEET 1 OF 2

Project No: 2013/000000
 Client: POTTON ROAD BIRCHWOOD
 Date: 19/03/2014
 Drawing No: 2013/000000/001
 Scale: 1:500

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 Central Bedfordshire
 CONSULTANT



- Notes:**
- All dimensions are in metres unless specified otherwise.
 - This drawing is based on the site plan and conditions supplied by T.A. Adams and/or Linn Town Park Housing Development, Street, Meadowbank, Edinburgh, CV11 0EL.
 - Use, colour of traffic signs, features are shown per view of development only.

Key:

- Green Tarmac
- Asphalt/Paved Tarmac
- Asphalt (High Friction Surfacing)
- Asphalt (Low Friction Surfacing)
- Asphalt (Tactical Surfacing)
- Asphalt (Tactical Surfacing)

Project: POTTON ROAD BIKESWANDE TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTATION

PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURE

SHEET 2 OF 2

Client: T.A. ADAMS

Contract No.: 2023/0000000000000000

Project No.: 2023/0000000000000000

Drawn By: J.M. [Name]

Checked By: J.M. [Name]

Scale: 1:500

Date: 10/01/2024

Author: J.M. [Name]

Consultant: AMEY

PUBLIC NOTICE

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

PROPOSED RAISED JUNCTIONS – ST JOHNS ROAD/ BIRCH ROAD, BIGGLESWADE AND POTTON ROAD WITH HAVELOCK ROAD; FURZENHALL ROAD & LIME TREE WALK AND MOUNTBATTEN DRIVE, BIGGLESWADE

Central Bedfordshire Council propose to construct Raised Junctions under Section 90 A-I of the Highways Act 1980 and all other enabling powers in connection with a traffic calming scheme in St Johns Street, Biggleswade at its junction with Birch Road and Potton Road, Biggleswade at its junction with Havelock Road. Also Potton Road at its junction with Furzenhall Road & Lime Tree Walk and its junction with Mountbatten Drive. These proposals will be an integral part of measures to reduce vehicle speeds and discourage use of the road by other than local traffic.

The proposed raised junctions will be 75mm high with sinusoidal gradients of approximately 1:25 in entirety and are to be sited at the following locations, listed in approximate southwest to northeast direction:

- 1) St.Johns Street, Biggleswade at its junction with Birch Road, across the full width of St. Johns Street between kerbs for an overall length of 27.7m and for a length of 12.9m from the "Give Way" line into Birch Road.
- 2) Potton Road, Biggleswade at its junction with Havelock Road, across the full width of Potton Road between kerbs for an overall length of 24.6m and for a length of 7.7m from "Give Way" line into Havelock Road
- 3) Potton Road, Biggleswade at its junction with Furzenhall Road and at its junction with Lime Tree Walk, across the full width of the Potton Road between kerbs for an overall length of 26.7m and for a length of 10.9m from the "Give Way" line into Furzenhall Road, and for a length of 7m from the "Give Way" line into Lime Tree Walk.
- 4) Potton Road, Biggleswade at its junction with Mountbatten Drive, across the full width of the Potton Road between kerbs for an overall length of 38.1m and for a length of 11.4m from "Give Way" line into Mountbatten Drive.

Further Details: of the proposals and plans may be examined during normal office hours at the Customer Service Centre, Central Bedfordshire Council, The Old Magistrates Court, 4 Saffron Road, Biggleswade and normal opening hours at Biggleswade Library, Chestnut Avenue, Biggleswade. Telephone 0845 365 6111 for further advice on these proposals.

Objections: should be sent in writing to the Orders and Commons Registration Officer, Countryside Access Service, Central Bedfordshire Council, PO Box 1395, Bedford MK42 5AN, stating the grounds on which they are made by 2nd October 2009.

PO Box 1395
Bedford MK42 5AN

Basil Jackson
Assistant Director for Highways

4th September 2009

Summary of Objections

Objection 1

4-OCT-2009 12:03 FROM: ACCESS & PARTNERSHIP 01234228315

TO: 908453656001

P: 3/3



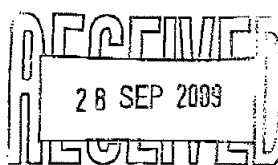
BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL

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Orders & Commons
Registration Officer
Countryside Access Services
Central Bedfordshire Council
PO Box 1395
Bedford
MK42 5AN



25th September 2009

Dear Sirs

Proposed Raised Junctions – St Johns Street & Potton Road

The Proposals for the above works went before Biggleswade Town Council on the 22nd September 2009.

The Town Council objected to all the proposed raised tables as laid out in the plans. I believe the Town Centre Strategy and Master Plan group have also looked at these proposals and they also feel they are of no benefit.

The Town Council approved the proposed new Mini Roundabout but objected to the safe havens that are proposed for Shortmead Street either side of the proposed Mini Roundabout.

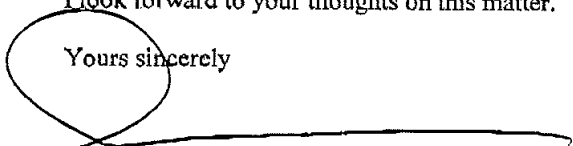
The Town council felt that it would be more appropriate and safer to have a Zebra Crossing at this site.

The Town Council discussed the issue of speeding in Holme Court Avenue, this has been a long standing problem in Biggleswade and the Town Council felt that raised tables at the Southern end of Holme Court Avenue would be of more benefit to the Town.

Although this was a separate issue on the agenda I feel it would be prudent for you to consider this before carrying out any works that you have proposed.

I look forward to your thoughts on this matter.

Yours sincerely


Rob McGregor
Town Clerk

Summary of Objections

Objection 2

Orders and Commons Registration Officer
Countryside Access Service
Central Beds Council
MK42 5AM
PO Box 1395

Dear Sir

Proposed Traffic Calming Project St. John's Road & Potton Road in Biggleswade.

I am writing to object to the above scheme on the following grounds:-

1 St. John's is narrow, cars in opposite direction can barely pass at one point and heavier traffic such as lorries and buses have difficulty elsewhere. Cars are permitted to park on the north side of the road, which is necessary for the residents who have no convenient parking nearby. This means that traffic can only flow in one direction at a time necessitating stopping and proceeding with caution. Although not so narrow as St. John's Road, much the same can be said about Potton Road from the railway bridge to the junction with Drove Road. Thus, additional traffic calming measures appear totally unnecessary and a waste of money.

2 The scheme is also said to discourage through traffic. This would make sense if there was a sensible alternative route, but there is none for traffic coming from the north end of town, except through the congested town centre and back down Drove Road, another residential area. In any case most of the traffic passing through St. John's Road is local to Biggleswade and the immediate district.

It is hoped that you will reconsider the proposals, as such measures are not only unnecessary in this case, but make the journey unpleasant for bus passengers and could provide an unwanted element of danger to other traffic.

Yours sincerely

Appendix C

Additional Information

Planning Application MB/05/01477

and S106 Agreement

Schedule 5 – Local Highway Works

Part 1 - Highway works

- 1 Visibility splays to the junction of the Site and Potton Road as shown on drawing no E952/02
- 2 Improved footways along Potton Road providing access to Edward Peake School and beyond in accordance with a plan to be submitted to the Councils and approved prior to the submission of any Reserved Matters

Part 2

Location	Works
Sun Street/Shortmead Street	New mini roundabout junction
Sun Street/St John's Street	Minor improvements to existing priority junction
St John's Street	Traffic calming
Drove Road/Potton Road	Priority junction improvement scheme New signage and pedestrian refuge islands New tactile paving

The above works in this Part 2 all as shown on Drawing 3792/03/001 RevD annexed