

## REPORT FOR THE MARKET DRAYTON JOINT LOCAL MEETING

### PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS: ALDERLEY ROAD, PROSPECT ROAD AND MAER LANE

1. The construction of a new Community facility (Raven Centre) at the junction of Prospect Road and Adderley Road, a Health Centre at Maer Lane and a new residential development at Adderley Road has resulted in increased pedestrian crossing movements in this area. As a result of the residential development at Adderley Road, a funding contribution was secured through a Section 106 Agreement to reduce the existing 40 mph speed limit and improve the pedestrian facilities on Adderley Road. Shropshire County Council's term consultants, MouchelParkman, were subsequently commissioned to investigate these issues.
2. Initial proposals were put forward for a speed limit reduction to 30 mph along Adderley Road, a signalised 'Puffin' crossing on Adderley Road, and a zebra crossing on Maer Lane. The scheme was included in the 2006/07 Local Transport Plan programme.
3. The speed limit proposals were advertised and no objections were received; the works were subsequently implemented in January 2007.
4. Following concerns expressed by local County Councillors, a site meeting between the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability, Local County Councillors and officers was held. It was agreed to amend the proposed crossing scheme to change the signalised crossing to a zebra crossing and to include an additional pedestrian crossing on Prospect Road.
5. Consultation was carried out for the proposed pedestrian crossings and plans were displayed in the new Raven Centre and Market Drayton Town Council offices. Various responses were received, which included correspondence from Market Drayton Town Council and District Road Safety Group who raised concerns regarding the location of the proposed zebra crossing on Maer Lane. They wished to see the crossing located further along Maer Lane adjacent to the footpath access which leads to the door of the Health Centre. Concerns were also expressed about the safety of pedestrians crossing the Morrison's supermarket access road to visit the Health Centre.
6. These comments were considered; however, the scheme was developed to address the wider pedestrian safety concerns in this

area, and not just specifically pedestrian access to the Health Centre. Although as a result of these concerns it has been agreed to consider a priority build-out on Maer Lane to reduce speeds and make it safer and easier for pedestrians to use the footpath access to the Health Centre, consultation on this element of the scheme is currently ongoing. Construction works on the pedestrian crossings commented in April 2007.

7. The difficulty faced by pedestrians crossing the supermarket access road is a concern; however, this is a private property and not within the control of the County Council. Officers are using their best endeavours to negotiate with the relevant private companies to secure pedestrian safety enhancements to address these concerns.