



Officer Decision Report

Date:	19/11/2025
Title:	Thame Road, Haddenham - Parallel Crossing Public Consultation
Cabinet Member(s):	Councillor Thomas Broom, Deputy Leader, and Cabinet Member for Transport
Ward Member(s):	Councillor Maru Mormina & Councillor Gregory Smith
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Ward(s) affected:	Haddenham and Stone
Decision:	Approval to proceed to Statutory Consultation for the proposed implementation of the following: • Raised Table with Zebra and parallel cycle Crossing on Thame Road, Haddenham • Convert sections of existing footway and verge into pedestrian and shared use paths • Amend the existing Traffic Regulation Order to accommodate the proposed crossing and remove remaining on street parking along Thame Road between the railway bridge and Wirethorn Furlong with the introduction of double yellow lines.
Reason for decision:	For facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians) and for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

1. Background

- 1.1** Haddenham Parish Council proposed crossing improvements on Thame Road / Pegasus Way through the Haddenham Streetscape Project as this area lacks adequate crossing facilities which impacts on active travel and access to Haddenham and Thame Parkway station.

- 1.2 The feasibility study was initiated to address this problem and improve walking and cycling infrastructure.
- 1.3 Three options were assessed, and it was agreed to progress with a Parallel Crossing on Thame Road on a raised table.
- 1.4 The scheme proposed includes repositioning bus stops, widening and converting short sections of footways for shared use and extending parking restrictions
- 1.5 The proposals are listed below in Table 1:

Table 1- Road Extents and Proposals

Road Name (And Extents)	Proposal
Thame Road (south of house no.16)	Introduction of a new 75 millimetre high raised carriageway table featuring a parallel (shared use/zebra style) crossing facility. Length approximately twelve metres.
Thame Road (length across proposed raised crossing, northern side)	Conversion of existing verge to shared use pedestrian and cycle path
Thame Road (between proposed crossing and bus stop, southern side)	Construction of a new footway (not shared use) to provide access to the relocated westbound bus stop for pedestrians.
Thame Road (length across proposed raised crossing, southern direction)	Widening of shared use facility extending south along the existing footpath for 17 metres up to 3 metres wide. Works include removal of barriers and vegetation clearance to enable safe access for pedestrians and cyclists.
Thame Road (at the end of zig-zags of proposed parallel crossing on either side)	Relocation of existing of two Station Bridge bus stops outside the restricted parking area of the crossing.
Thame Road (between the proposed crossing and Wirethorn Furlong)	No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Lines – to be effective 24 hours a day, 7 days a week)

2. Authority to take this decision.

- 2.1 The Council scheme of delegation is contained within the Council's constitution.

3. Other options available, and their pros and cons

- 3.1 The feasibility study for Thame Road / Pegasus Way, Haddenham, identified three potential options to improve crossing facilities and support active travel.

- Crossing Option 1: Parallel Crossing with Minimum Impact on Bus Stops
- Crossing Option 2: Zebra Crossing with Relocation of Eastbound Bus Stop
- Crossing Option 3: Raised Parallel Crossing with Minimum Impact on Bus Stops

- 3.2 After reviewing these options and engaging with Haddenham Parish Council and local Buckinghamshire Councillors, the preferred approach is to progress a Parallel Crossing on Thame Road, incorporating elements of Options 1 and 3 by placing the parallel crossing on a raised

table. This combined solution aims to enhance safety, improve accessibility, and integrate with the wider active travel network.

4. Local Councillors & Community Boards consultation & views

- 4.1 All local members were informed of the proposals and seek their initial feedback on the scheme. An email was sent to both local members and the Cabinet Member for Transport on 7 November 2025.

5. Feedback from Local Members

- 5.1 Table 2 below shows the responses received from Ward Members.

Table 2- Initial Comments from Ward Members

Consultee	Comment
Haddenham Parish Council	<i>The Parish Council has been keen to utilise the S106 funding available from the Airfield development for pedestrian and cycling improvements on Thame Road and to implement the recommendations from our Streetscapes project. We have been pleased to have been represented in discussions throughout the design process and have given feedback at several stages which has been taken into consideration. Although the project doesn't deliver all of the improvements we would like it is acknowledged that the highest priority elements, as agreed, are being delivered with the current funding available. The Parish Council would therefore support progressing to the public consultation stage based on the drawings as provided.</i>
Councillor Maru Mormina	<i>It is great to see this project going forward. The crossing is, as others have pointed out, a very busy one, used not only by station users but also by children going to and from school....</i> <i>I appreciate that funding determines the scope of the project, in this case, quite narrow. It is nonetheless disappointing to hear that no thought has been given to the consequences of displacing parking. There is already a severe parking problem in the area as a direct consequence of the lack of available parking at the station. I agree that improving visibility is indeed necessary, but you cannot simply remove parking spaces without any impact assessment to inform future amelioration measures.</i> <i>I suggest that the problems we currently have around Sheerstock and the surrounding roads are the result of similar disjointed approaches taken in the past. It would</i>

	<i>be insensible to keep doing the same. Can I, therefore, ask that Parking Services be engaged in consultations and that a plan for how parking will be managed is put in place before work commences? The Streetscape Project, I believe, can offer a blueprint for a more holistic approach to what needs to be done.</i> <i>Both Greg and I receive constant complaints about inappropriate parking in the area. Commuters are forced to park wherever they find space, and there have been a number of incidents where people have received unfair parking fines for doing the right thing and parking in poorly marked bays inside the station. The whole situation is a dog's breakfast, and I am not reassured that this piecemeal approach will do much to improve it.</i>
Councillor Gregory Smith	<i>'The introduction of a raised platform will provide much more effective traffic calming than the existing chicanes. Adding a zebra crossing provides a much-needed safe crossing point on Thame Road. This is a busy pedestrian crossing area, including school children en-route to school. I look forward to the chicanes being replaced with similar raised bed crossing platforms in the not-too-distant future! You will be aware of the Parish Council plans set out in the Street Scape programme.</i> <i>I am glad to see that the bus stop is being moved but disappointed that the opportunity has not been taken to move the stop further down Thame Rd, perhaps to the other side (East) of the new crossing.</i> <i>Can we assume that all parking places will be removed from Thame Rd with double yellow lines applied as appropriate.</i> <i>Finally, it is disappointing that the improvements to the junction of Wirethorn Furlong/ Thame Rd (narrowing the splayed entrance) is not included in this phase. This remains a persistent source of conflict between vehicles and 'near mis' collisions. I hope we will see this improvement in the near future.'</i>

6. Financial & Legal Implications

- 6.1** Buckinghamshire Highways will be delivering the statutory consultation and proposed construction works with funding secured from Section 106 Developer Contributions and Rural England Prosperity Funding.
- 6.2** Buckinghamshire Council as the local Highway Authority and while having regard to the matters

specified in Sections 90A, 90C and 90D respectively of the Highway Act 1980, have proposed to introduce a raised table.

6.3 Section 65 of the Highways Act 1980 allows the local traffic authority to convert sections of footway on the highway to shared use.

6.4 Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 places a duty on Buckinghamshire Council to secure the expeditious, convenient, and safe movement of vehicles and other traffic (including pedestrians), on its highway.

7. Your questions and views

7.1 If you have any questions about the matter contained in the paper, please get in touch with the Contact Officer whose email address is given at the head of the paper.

8. Background Papers

8.1 Appendix A – Pre-Consultation Plan – Raised Parallel Crossing, Thames Road, Haddenham

Approval Signature



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