

## **Leechwell Lane, Totnes Pedestrian Crossing Facilities**

Report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment

***Please note that the following recommendation is subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.***

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Zebra Crossing detailed in Plan number 14493-001 be constructed by developer under the provisions of Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980.

### **1. Introduction**

The proposed location of the Zebra Crossing is on Leechwell Lane, Totnes and is between Leechwell Lane Car Park and the pedestrian entrance to The Grove Primary School. (Location Plan - 14493 – 006 Rev C.)

The proposal is to relocate and upgrade the Pedestrian Drop Kerb Crossing on Leechwell Lane to a Zebra Crossing. These works will provide safer crossing facilities for vulnerable road users on Leechwell Lane.

### **2. Proposal**

The proposal to provide a Zebra Crossing at this location (Plan No. 14493 – 001 Rev G) which improves parent and child safety and ongoing requests to provide a formal crossing in this location. The location will improve pedestrian access to the nearby primary school, residential areas and the town centre.

The scheme is to be completed by a developer under the provisions of Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980 using their own contractor.

The scheme is being presented at the Highways and Traffic Orders Committee in the interests of democracy noting the long period of time that has lapsed between the approval of the relevant South Hams District Planning Applications 56/2257/05/DC and 56/2258/DC and the current day.

The proposals have also been sent to the Local Planning Authority so they can also consider discharging any remaining relevant planning conditions.

The scheme has been designed, safety audited and amended by the developer in response to consultation with the Grove Primary School. The scheme is to be funded and constructed by the developer.

### **3. Options/Alternatives**

The original zebra crossing location was proposed approximately 30m to the north utilising the existing kerb drop crossings. However:

- (a) the traffic coming down from the Lamb turns a corner and immediately encounters the proposed crossing point and therefore it is considered the original proposed

crossing point is too close to that corner. Reports have been made that the lollipop lady - who uses this designated crossing point - has almost been hit on several occasions.

- (b) the desire line for pedestrians crossing Leechwell Lane towards the primary school is further to the south.

The proposed location is therefore considered the only appropriate location from a road safety perspective.

#### **4. Consultations**

A notice of intension has been erected at the site for the required statutory time period. Whilst objections have been raised by local residents these objections related to light spill from the required beacons and lights associated to the crossing. However, the designer has indicated that louvres and hoods will be installed to prevent light spill.

#### **5. Financial Considerations**

There are no financial considerations.

#### **6. Sustainability Considerations**

The goals of the scheme are to encourage pedestrian safety and to improve pedestrian access in this area of the town.

#### **7. Carbon Impact Considerations**

The scheme has been designed bearing in mind the effect on carbon emissions and overall should not have a negative impact.

#### **8. Equality Considerations**

Where relevant to the decision, the Equality Act 2010 Public Sector Equality Duty requires decision makers to give due regard to the need to:

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other prohibited conduct;
- advance equality by encouraging participation, removing disadvantage, taking account of disabilities and meeting people's needs; and
- foster good relations between people by tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.

taking account of age, disability, race/ethnicity (includes Gypsies and Travellers), gender and gender identity, religion and belief, sexual orientation, pregnant women/new and breastfeeding mothers, marriage/civil partnership status in coming to a decision, a decision maker may also consider other relevant factors such as caring responsibilities, rural isolation or socio-economic disadvantage.

This may be achieved, for example, through completing a full Equality Impact Needs Assessment/Impact Assessment or other form of options/project management appraisal that achieves the same objective.

No equality considerations have been identified arising from Local Transport Plan proposals. Provision of the Zebra Crossing is seen as having a positive effect whilst relocation of the pedestrian refuge is seen as having a neutral effect.

## 9. Legal Considerations

There are no specific legal considerations arising from this report.

## 10. Risk Management Considerations

A stage 1 and 2 independent safety audit and designers response has been undertaken and no issues are left to address. Following any implementation of the scheme a stage 3 and 4 safety audit will be undertaken.

## 11. Public Health Impact

The scheme is designed to improve vulnerable road user access to facilities in the area.

## 12. Reason for Recommendation/Conclusion

Providing a zebra crossing at this location will improve access to schools, residential areas and town centre.

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Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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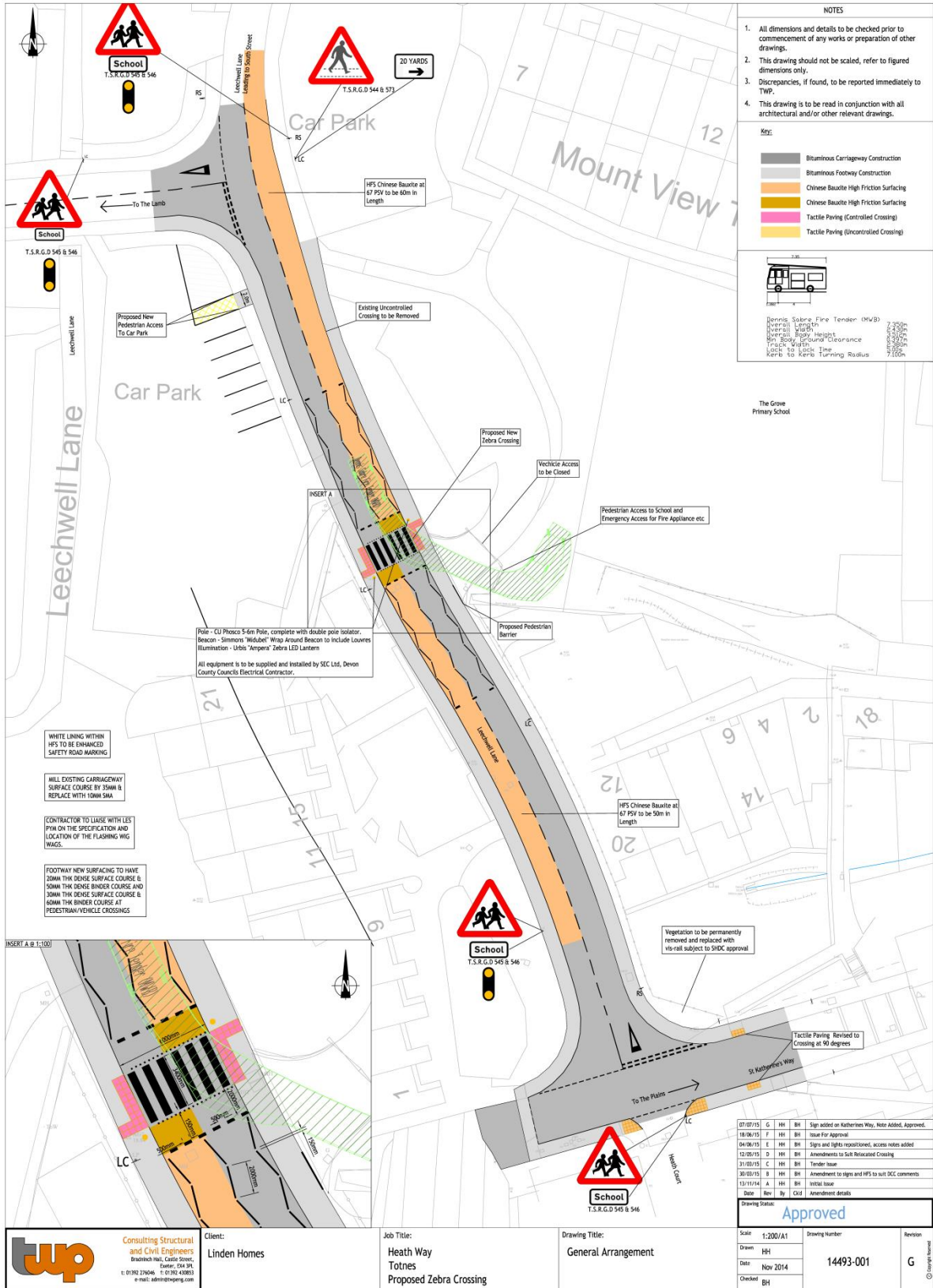
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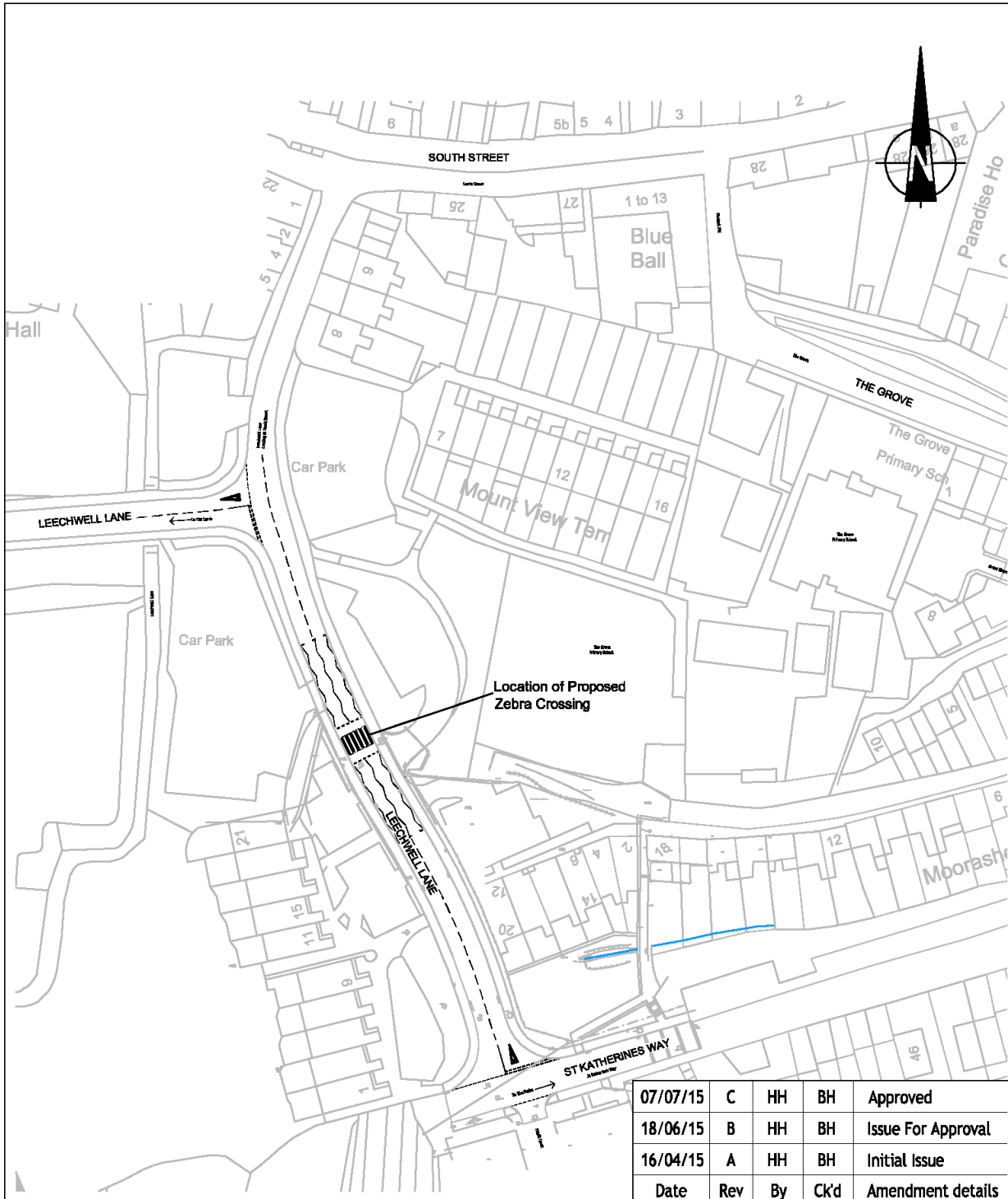
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