

**AREA COMMITTEE:** SOUTH LUTON

**DATE:** 5TH OCTOBER 2004

**SUBJECT:** PETITION – ZEBRA CROSSING OUTSIDE  
FOXDELL INFANT SCHOOL

**REPORT BY:** HEAD OF ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORTATION

**CONTACT OFFICER:** JONATHAN PALMER 546686

**IMPLICATIONS:**

LEGAL	COMMUNITY SAFETY
EQUALITIES	ENVIRONMENT
FINANCIAL	CONSULTATIONS
STAFFING	OTHER

**WARDS AFFECTED: DALLOW**

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**PURPOSE**

1. To report the receipt of a petition to the South Luton Area Committee from residents of Dallow Road highlighting their concerns with the increased noise generated by the new raised table zebra crossing outside Foxdell Infant School.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. The South Luton Area Committee is recommended to note the contents of the report and that the Head of Engineering & Transportation has instructed the contractor concerned to correct the profile of the ramps to the raised table Zebra Crossing as a matter of urgency.

## **REPORT**

3. The new 'raised table' Zebra Crossing was installed as part of the new Safety Around Schools 20 mph zone installed in Dallow Road outside Foxdell Infant School.
4. Twelve residents of Dallow Road, who live in the immediate vicinity of the new crossing, have signed the petition. They state '*since the new crossing has been installed we have all suffered with increased noise both during the day and particularly at night*'. Also that, following recent alterations to the zebra, things are now even worse and '*cars are making even more noise as many exhausts are also catching on the way over*'.
5. The original work on the raised table crossing was carried out during May 2004 and it was apparent that the Contractor responsible for the work had not installed the ramps to the correct profile. Alterations were carried out in late-August 2004, but unfortunately the crossing remains incorrect and the contractor must make further changes. In light of the complaints received, our contractor has been instructed to carry out these changes as a matter of urgency.
6. The profile of the ramps to the raised table Zebra Crossing should be the same as the five installed on Biscot Road and although there is always likely to be some noise it should not be as intrusive as described by the petitioners. There have been no complaints received about noise associated with the crossings in Biscot Road.
7. The petitioners have also commented that traffic is not slowing down to 20mph, which they say '*defeats the traffic calming and safety around the school area*'. It is a pity that a number of drivers appear unwilling to obey a reduced speed limit so clearly outside a school and for safety reasons. As with all 20 mph zones, speed readings will be taken to ascertain the degree of reduction being achieved. If the results are disappointing, it may be necessary to introduce additional measures to ensure that an average speed of 20 mph is obtained.

## **OPTIONS**

8. None

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS** **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D**

There are no background papers relating to this report.