

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Proposed Replacement of Zebra Pedestrian Crossing at Wellington Hill West with Parallel Pedestrian and Cyclist Crossing and Proposed Road Hump at Junction of Bibury Crescent and Wellington Hill West (Horfield and Westbury-on-Trym & Henleaze Wards)

Cycling is recognised by national and local transport policies as a key means of tackling congestion and the environmental damage caused by motor transport. Furthermore, the physical exercise cycling provides can significantly improve the health and well-being of participants. The Council has received funding from the Government's Cycle Ambition Fund to develop a network of high quality cycle routes through the city, with the objective of encouraging more people to cycle.

The Southmead Quietway forms a strategic cycling link between Cheltenham Road and Southmead Hospital. Its route crosses Wellington Hill West between its junctions with Bibury Crescent and Kendon Drive, where there is a Zebra pedestrian crossing. The Council proposes to replace the Zebra with a Parallel crossing, which is designed to be used by both pedestrians and mounted cyclists. Parallel crossings operate on the same principle as Zebra crossings – motorists are required to give way to crossing users – and use the familiar Zebra crossing layout for pedestrians, but a separate crossing for cyclists is marked alongside. By segregating pedestrians and cyclists, the potential for conflict is reduced.

The Council also proposes to install a road hump, in the form of a speed table, at the junction of Bibury Crescent and Wellington Hill West. The Parallel crossing would be located within the length of the road hump, which would serve to reduce the speed of approaching vehicles and thereby contribute to its safe operation. The road hump would also address concerns expressed by the local Neighbourhood Partnership about excessive vehicle speeds on Wellington Hill West.