

Subject: Re: (Case Ref: NF20366) - email from Dan Swaine via Nick Fletcher

Dear Nick

Thank you for your enquiry regarding a zebra crossing near the Co-op in Tickhill.

You may be aware that planning permission was granted for the Co-op store following an appeal against its refusal. The planning process had not identified the requirement for a pedestrian crossing in this vicinity.

It would be unusual for road safety works such as the provision of a crossing to be subsequently provided, in particular at public expense, after due planning process (including appeal) has taken place, and planning permission granted for a private development without this requirement.

However, in this location there are also additional factors to consider.

Formal pedestrian crossing facilities are provided at a single point where there is a high concentration of pedestrians that would divert to in order to use. It is important that they match the busiest and obvious pedestrian desire lines as much as possible, or they can actually cause safety problems that don't currently exist. Safety risks can be compounded if pedestrians cross in the vicinity of, but not at a formal crossing point for example. The location has a very good existing long-term road safety record.

Design standards influence the location of a formal crossing in terms of forward visibility etc. Due to the bend in the road, a crossing could not be provided in the immediate vicinity of the Co-op store. If a crossing was provided to the west on West Gate, then this would not attract pedestrians from Castlegate, and vice-versa. In addition, on either West Gate or Castlegate there are other constraints such as the available width of the footways, private accesses, loss of parking and a common concern of people not wanting to be inconvenienced by such facilities directly outside their properties. An obvious and appropriate location is therefore difficult to identify.

I hope you find this information useful.

Regards, Dan

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