

Cabinet Member for City Services

1st July 2026

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for City Services – Councillor P Hetherton

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Interim Director of Economic Growth

Ward(s) affected:

Woodlands

Title:

Petition E34/25–26 – Request for a Zebra Crossing on Nod Rise

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

This report relates to a petition containing 134 signatures titled “*Request for a Zebra Crossing on Nod Rise*”, requesting the introduction of a zebra crossing on Nod Rise, adjacent to the bridge over the brook.

In accordance with the Council’s procedures, the petition was initially considered by the Cabinet Member for City Services and it was agreed that the matter should be dealt with by way of a determination letter, in order to provide a timely response.

The determination letter, issued on 23rd April 2026, explained that the requested controlled crossing could not be supported at the proposed location due to restricted visibility due to the combination of bridge parapets, road alignment, and vegetation. The petitioner has subsequently requested that the matter be considered at a Cabinet Member meeting.

Since the issue was first assessed, officers have submitted a bid for external funding for the first phase of a wider active travel and greenspace scheme along the Guphill-Brookstray corridor. This proposal includes the relocation of the existing pedestrian path away from the river and bridge structure, which has the potential to improve pedestrian visibility at this location.

This report therefore provides an update on the petition, outlines the technical considerations, and sets out the current position, including future opportunities, whilst noting that the funding currently sought is unlikely to deliver a controlled crossing facility at this stage.

Recommendations:

Cabinet Member for City Services is recommended to:

1. Note the petitioners' concerns regarding the request for a controlled crossing facility on Nod Rise.
2. Note that, based on current highway conditions, a controlled crossing facility is not considered appropriate at the requested location due to restricted visibility.
3. Note the submission of a funding bid for the first phase of a wider Guphill-Brookstray corridor scheme, which includes the potential to improve pedestrian visibility at this location through the realignment of the existing path.
4. Agree that the petition be considered concluded at this stage, subject to any future opportunities that may arise through the progression of the wider scheme.

List of Appendices included:

Appendix 1 – Location Plan

Appendix B – Petition Determination Letter

Background Papers:

None

Other useful documents:

None

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

No

Report title:

Petition E34/25–26 – Request for a Zebra Crossing on Nod Rise

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1 A petition with 134 signatures was received requesting the introduction of a zebra crossing on Nod Rise adjacent to the bridge over the brook.
- 1.2 In accordance with the City Council’s procedure for dealing with petitions, the matter was initially considered by the Cabinet Member for City Services, who requested that the issue be progressed by way of a determination letter in order to respond as quickly as possible.
- 1.3 The petition was investigated and a determination letter was issued in April 2026. The petition organisers subsequently requested that the matter be escalated for formal consideration by the Cabinet Member for City Services.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

2.1 *Option 1 – Introduce a controlled crossing at the requested location*

This option has been considered but is not recommended.

The requested location has restricted visibility due to the combination of bridge parapets, road alignment, and vegetation. This limited visibility does not provide a safe or suitable environment for the installation of a controlled crossing facility such as a zebra crossing. For this reason, this option is not considered appropriate at the present time.

2.2 *Option 2 – Consider alternative improvements*

Officers recognise that there is a clear pedestrian desire line to cross Nod Rise at this location. However, due to the physical constraints described above, it is recommended that a controlled crossing is not introduced at this time.

Officers have recently submitted a bid for external funding to deliver the first phase of a wider active travel and greenspace improvement scheme along the Guphill-Brookstray corridor. This initial phase includes the relocation of the existing pedestrian path away from the river and bridge structure.

The relocation of the path would in turn realign the pedestrian desire line away from the bridge parapet and improve visibility for pedestrians crossing Nod Rise. Whilst the funding currently being sought is unlikely to be sufficient to deliver a controlled crossing as requested in the petition, the proposed changes are expected to mitigate some of the concerns raised.

As the wider corridor scheme progresses, there may be opportunities to consider additional crossing facilities in the future, subject to further funding, design development, and prioritisation within the Council’s capital programme.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1 No formal consultation has been undertaken.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

Should the recommendations be approved, no further immediate action is required in relation to the petition.

Progression of the wider Guphill-Brookstray corridor scheme will be subject to the outcome of funding bids and future programme prioritisation.

5. Comments from the Director of Finance and Resources and the Director of Law and Governance and Safer Communities

5.1 Financial implications

There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations contained within this report. Any future works would be subject to the availability of external funding or inclusion within existing capital programmes.

5.2 Legal implications

There are no additional legal implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

6. Other implications

6.1 How will this contribute to the One Coventry Plan?

(<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/strategies-plans-policies/one-coventry-plan>)

The proposals when progressed, will support safe and sustainable travel by seeking to improve pedestrian accessibility and safety, contributing to healthier and more sustainable communities.

6.2 How is risk being managed?

N/A

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

None

6.4 Equalities / EIA?

No specific equalities impact assessment has been carried out.

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) climate change and the environment?

The wider Guphill-Brookstray scheme supports active travel and sustainable travel, contributing positively to environmental objectives.

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

None identified

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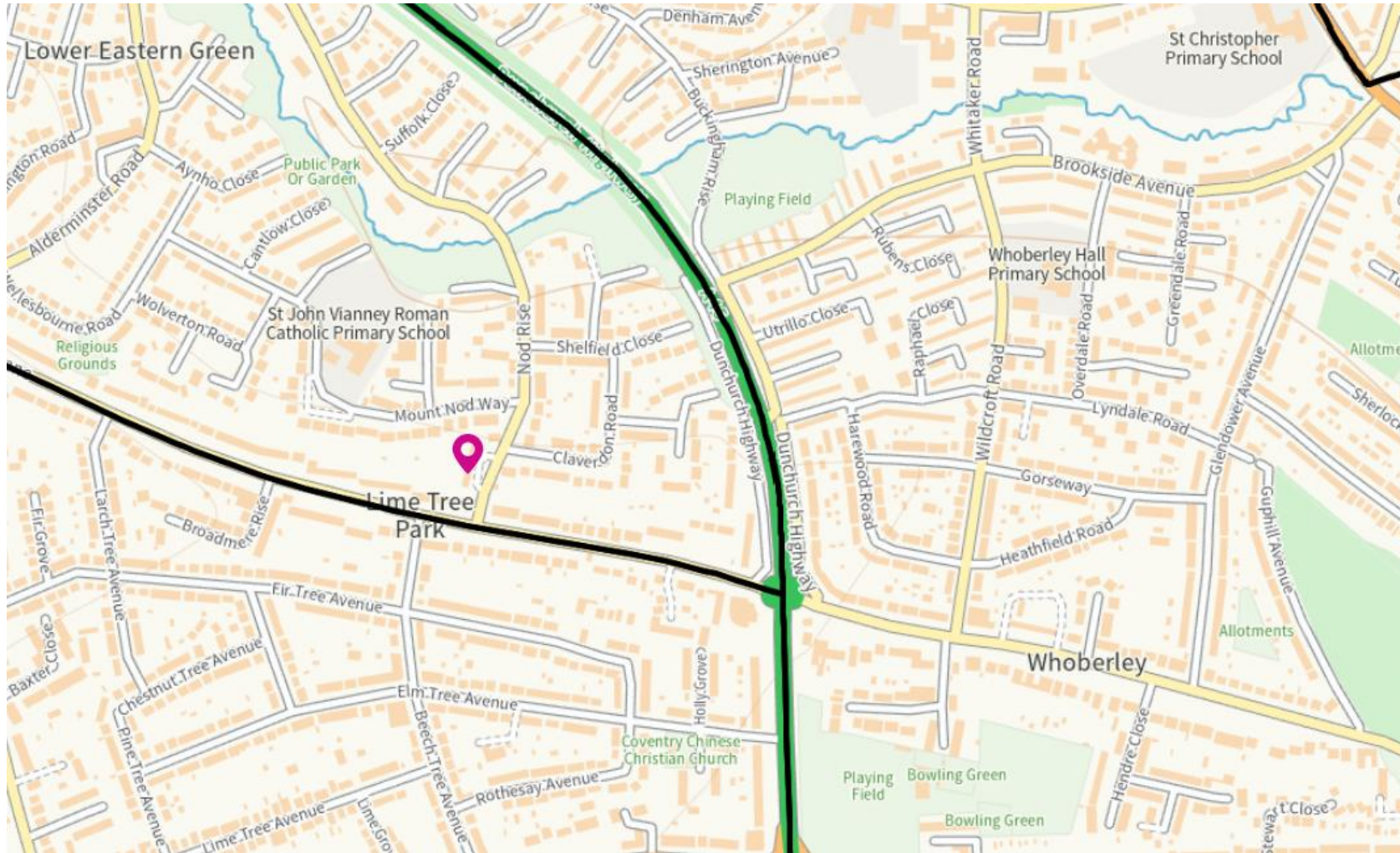
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Appendix A – Location Map of Nod Rise, Guphill and Brookstray



Appendix B – Text of Determination Letter

Our reference: E34/25-26

Date: 23 April 2026

I am writing with regard to the above petition and your request for a new zebra crossing on Nod Rise.

The matter was discussed with Councillor Hetherton, Cabinet Member for City Services, who has requested that this be dealt with by way of letter rather than a formal report being submitted to a future meeting, so that it can be dealt with more quickly.

The limited visibility referred to in the petition would preclude the provision of a zebra crossing at the requested location. However, a review will be undertaken to assess whether any other measures can be implemented to highlight the presence of the crossing point.

I would be grateful if you could please confirm in writing, either by email or letter, that you agree that the petition be progressed by way of this letter. If you do not agree, a report responding to your petition will be prepared for consideration at a future Cabinet Member meeting. You will be invited to attend this meeting where you will have the opportunity to speak on behalf of the petitioners. If no response is received within four weeks of the date of this letter, we will record this as your acceptance of the determination letter and the petition will be closed.