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REPORT TO: Members' Library Service

MEETING DATE:

BY: Depute Chief Executive – Partnership and Community Services

SUBJECT: Zebra Crossings, High Street, Dunbar - Option Appraisal

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To advise Members of the decision to relocate the north and south zebra crossings in the High Street, Dunbar.
- 1.2 That Members note the options which were considered to address community concerns and identify an effective and appropriate solution to facilitate safe crossing opportunities.
- 1.3 That Members note that a petition was received of over 500 on-line signatures about the safety and operational effectiveness of the zebra crossings in High Street, Dunbar as well as 157 completed survey forms in response to a Community Council questionnaire.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Option 2; relocation of the south zebra crossing is pursued (see 3.5.2 below) in conjunction with Option 3 relocation of the north zebra (See 3.5.3). Following re-positioning, the crossings and junction will be monitored for a period of 6 months to consider any other residual concerns.
- 2.2 It is anticipated that construction works will be programmed for May/June 2014.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Since the zebra crossings were commissioned in April 2012, there have been no injuries or accidents recorded.
- 3.2 Members should note that the existing zebra crossing across the West Port junction is not being considered for relocation or removal as the community are satisfied that this location is appropriate.

3.3 Of the 157 people surveyed :-

- 90% consider the zebra crossings are in the wrong location
- 82 % consider the crossings to be unsafe or very unsafe
- 70% of pedestrians have had issues with the crossings
- 75% of drivers have issues with the crossings

3.4 Most common comments:-

- drivers not stopping for pedestrians
- pedestrians hesitant to cross
- crossings OK but drivers having too many things to consider.
- double parked vehicles restrict sight lines
- West Port junction crossing is fine
- High Street crossings should be further away from roundabout

3.5 **Options**

3.5.1 **Option 1; “Do nothing”**

Not an option due to the strength of community concern.

3.5.2 **Option 2; Relocate the south zebra crossing (O/S Bank of Scotland) to ‘Ladbrokes’**

The general concern is that this crossing is too close to the roundabout junction give way marking – drivers are required to stop on the crossing. Community feedback and observations note driver/pedestrian confusion and hesitation. Officers advise that relocating the crossing approximately 40 metres south (Ladbrokes) will significantly simplify the operation of the remaining zebra crossing and roundabout junction for both drivers and pedestrians. Possible relocation of the School Crossing Patrol will need to be considered.

3.5.3 **Option 3; Relocate the north zebra crossing and re-install 40 metres north to ‘Umberto’s’.**

As with Option 2, some concern was also made with regard to the closeness of the crossing to the roundabout. However, a vehicle can wait at the “give way” without obstructing the crossing or obstructing normal use of the roundabout. Difficulties arise with the relocation of this crossing due to repeated loading / unloading, double parking issues associated with the Co-operative and Hardware stores as well as the bus stop outside 136 High Street. Consequently, parking will be re-arranged to maximise pedestrian and driver visibility approaching the crossing.

3.5.4 **Option 4; Re-locate the north crossing approximately 80 metres north to the Indian restaurant**

This option, as with Option 3 presents loading and un-loading concerns, safety may be compromised by “double” parking vehicles e.g. Co-op,

shop delivery lorries and bus stop. It is also not considered to be the best location to meet the northern pedestrian desire line.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The changes should assist the Council to meet the national casualty reduction targets in Scotland's Road Safety Framework.
- 4.2 These proposals will contribute towards The East Lothian Plan - Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) 2013 and our strategic objectives - to create, support and maintain a Sustainable Economy, Resilient People and Safe and Vibrant Communities
- 4.3 The Safe and Vibrant Communities Partnership can contribute towards East Lothian's SOA Outcome 7 - "East Lothian is an even safer place".

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

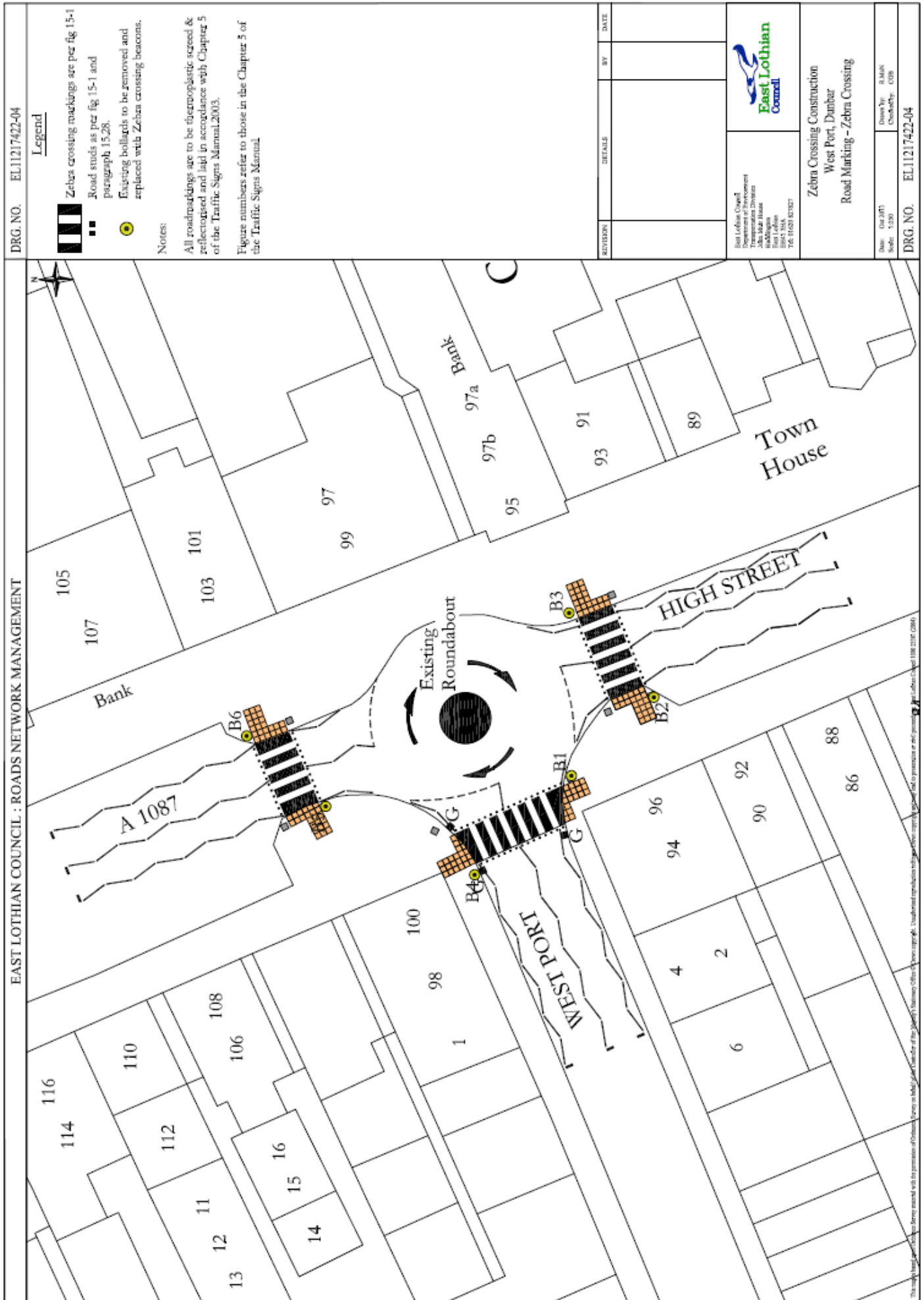
- 6.1 Financial – An allocation of £50,000 will be made within the Roads Capital budget for 2014-15 to reposition the crossings.
- 6.2 Personnel -
- 6.3 Other - none

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Events Timeline – Zebra Crossings
- 7.2 Dunbar Community Council Zebra Crossing Survey Results

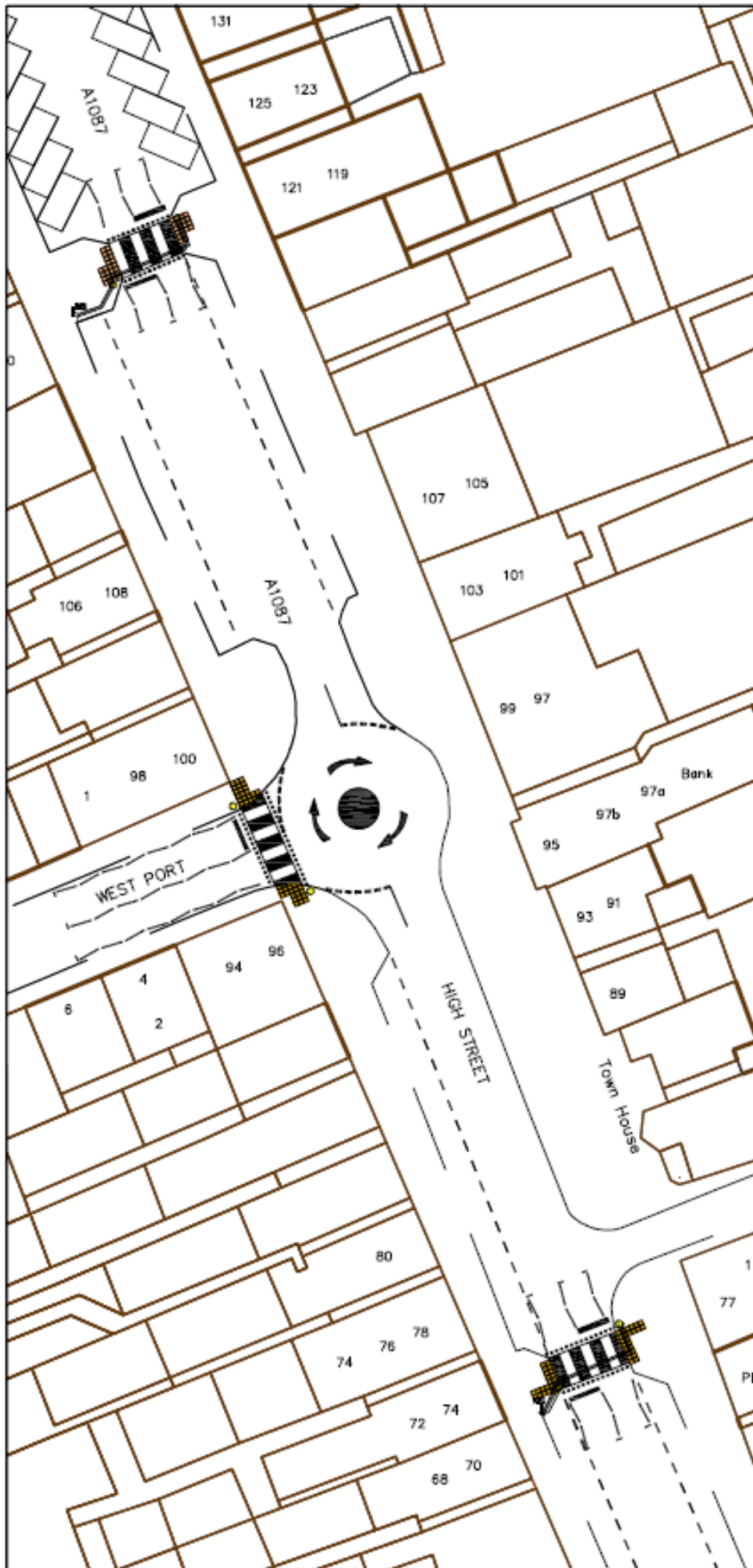
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Appendix A - Existing junction Layout






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Appendix B – Proposed Amended Zebra Crossing Locations



Legend

-  Zebra crossing markings as per fig 15.1
-  Road studs as per fig. 15.1 and paragraph 15.28
-  Existing bollards to be removed and replace with zebra crossing beacons.

Notes:

All road markings are to be thermoplastic screed and reflectorised and laid in accordance with Chapter 5 of the Traffic Signs Manual 2003.

Figure No.s' refer to Chapter 5 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

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