

## Response to our petition - 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026

In a response to our petition, presented to Marple Area Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> June, the officers of the Council have acknowledged that our request for a zebra crossing on Church Lane at the top of Market Street “may be a suitable location”. They go on to say that “additional mitigation measures including a 20mph speed limit and possibly supporting traffic calming measures” would be required. All of which we agree with.

There then follows what sounds like a long list of reasons why it isn’t going to happen any time soon! Our Get About Better group will be examining these in detail and will be looking at how to keep the pressure on. 300 residents of Marple want to see this happen!

So, the response from the Council Highways people says the following:

“Any scheme development of such a crossing and associated supporting measures would need to be subject to the normal consultation and approval processes. Feasibility design would need to be undertaken including Road Safety Audit (RSA) and Impact Assessments. Subject to surveys and the extent proposed the 20mph speed limit may need additional works to support it, including possible traffic calming, which too needs designing and associated site investigation. There is a legal requirement to advertise the crossing since installing one has implications for frontage holders as no stopping is permitted within the zig-zag markings. The introduction of a 20mph speed limit will also need a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) which needs to be advertised for objections and these reported to Committee. Removal and possible relocation of existing parking is also likely to need a TRO.

“Should a scheme be developed and approved it will then need to be subject [to] detail design including a further RSA and investigation of underground services. The scheme is then costed and, subject to funding source, a business case prepared which has to go through its own approval process. The subsequent installation will be likely to require kerb works, footway construction, laying of tactile paving, ducting, installation of sockets for beacons, installation of an electrical supply pillar and possible re-surfacing on the approaches. Note that the suitability of the existing surface is based on its tested skid resistance, not appearance. Markings and signage will need to be installed, beacons set up and electrical connections made.

“The installation of a zebra crossing is therefore a significant piece of work and typically requires substantial investment. As such, schemes are assessed and prioritised alongside other requests across the Borough. We will consider this location as part of our ongoing programme of work and will keep ward members informed of any progression.”