

# Paper Petition Details

## A332 Windsor Road Consultation

### Response to the Proposed Windsor Road Widening Consultation:

We, the undersigned, make the following comments in response to the consultation on the proposed widening of Windsor Road. As a congregation at Slough Baptist Church we use the road not just on a Sunday but through the week. On a Sunday morning approximately 200 people visit the premises and across the week a similar number visit our different activities run throughout the days and evenings.

We are not opposed to the idea of widening Windsor Road subject to the following mitigations being put in place:

- We welcome the proposed road crossing to the south of Herschel Street
- We would like there to be a layby suitable for loading / unloading on the west of Windsor Road immediately to the south of Herschel Street
- We would like disabled parking bays to be provided on the west of Windsor Road immediately to the south of Herschel Street
- Favourable consideration of any application for a planning change of use for 34 Windsor Road, currently a three bed house, to allow that site to be redeveloped to provide an alternative entrance to the Church as well as rooms for Church related activities.

**This petition was received on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2014.**

**This petition was passed to the National Management Trainee on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2014.**

**This petition was responded to by the Acting Head of Transport on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2015.**

### Final Results

<b>Number of Signatures</b>	<b>170</b>
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### Council Response

Thank you for your letter and the petition.

I have taken the time to review the points raised in the petition and would like to address them to help you understand the process we are following.

With regard to the pedestrian crossing, I am pleased to note that you support the introduction of this new facility and hope it will provide you and your congregation with a safer passage of travel when crossing the Windsor Road. The lay-by you have requested is unfortunately not possible due to the nature of the widening scheme. We are limited on space and have had to make a number of changes to get the additional lanes without impinging on the church property as a result the amendments no longer affect the church and therefore we will not be able to provide a layby or a disabled parking bay. The councils policy for disabled bays require residents who have a valid blue badge and live in the specified road to apply personally and therefore we are not able to provide your congregation with a bay at this location.

Your last point refers to a potential planning application for the adjacent property. Each planning application is judged on its own merits and how it complies with planning policy. On submission of your application officers will assess your proposals and make comments as to whether the proposal is acceptable. I would suggest that you contact our planning team to advise you on how to progress this application and the potential to locate a hard standing area for disabled use.

Finally, you maybe aware that on the 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 the councils Cabinet approved the proposed widening scheme with a view to commencing work this year. As the scheme progresses we will advise residents and businesses with as much information as possible in terms of start and end dates.

In the meantime, I would like to thank you for your contribution and will keep in touch specifically with regard to the access arrangements around the church.