

Manchester Road, Preston, at Cardinal Newman College –

Raised Junction table, Zebra Crossing and Parking

Statement of Reasons

Raised Junction Table

The provision of a raised junction table has been requested by Cardinal Newman College, due to serious accidents involving pedestrians at the junction (recorded between 2020 and 2023) and on the adjacent zebra crossing. Although the junction of Manchester Road and Lark Hill Road is within an existing 20mph zone, the visibility of the junction is poor and it is located between cushions that are currently over 80m apart, and the existing cushions are not fully visible on the northbound approach due to a gradient and a large number of parked vehicles.

The proposed junction table is to be provided in the interest of safety of all road users.

Zebra Crossing

The requirement for the zebra crossing improvements, which is to be widened to 10m from its current 7.2m width, is due to the expansion of Cardinal Newman College, which is opening a new building in September in order to accept a greater number of students. The increased width will allow a greater number of pedestrians to cross safely at the same time, reducing the delays to traffic and improving safety for all road users.

Parking

The proposals for the widened zebra crossing require the existing limited waiting bay on the north eastern side of Manchester Road to be relocated slightly northwards. Consequently, the length of the limited waiting bay will be shortened overall by 1m; this is required to ensure that adequate visibility is afforded to drivers approaching the crossing and to pedestrians waiting to cross.

The existing double yellow lines on the corners of the junctions of Arno Street and Larkhill Road with Manchester Road require extending to ensure that vehicles do not park in this location and obstruct visibility of the crossing for approaching vehicles. This will ensure that pedestrians waiting to use the crossing are able to clearly see approaching vehicles both on Manchester Road and turning from Arno Street.

REASONS UNDER Section 1 of the RTRA

- a) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising
- c) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians)