



From mountain to sea

# Pedestrian crossings

## Policy

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## 1 Introduction

The provision of safe crossing points can have a vital role in promoting pedestrian activity, helping vulnerable pedestrians feel more confident and reducing the impact of busy traffic routes severing our communities.

Different types of crossing are appropriate at different locations and factors such as road character, traffic speed, and vehicle and pedestrian numbers should be taken into consideration. Moreover, budget constraints limit the number of crossing facilities we are able to both provide and maintain so it is necessary to evaluate and prioritise requests for new installations.

National statistics indicate that children and other pedestrians in more deprived areas are far more likely to be injured or killed by vehicles than those from affluent areas, however more affluent residents are generally more likely to request and argue for traffic management interventions in their areas.

This policy aims to achieve consistency in the assessment and provision of pedestrian crossings across the areas of Aberdeenshire, targeting locations where they are most needed.

## 2 Policy Statement

**Aberdeenshire Council recognises the importance of having sufficient, well-designed, appropriately located and well maintained pedestrian crossing facilities.**

**We will:**

- **Provide clear guidance on the assessment, prioritisation and provision of pedestrian crossings in a “Pedestrian Crossings Manual”;**
- **Only provide or accept new crossings which meet the criteria in the Pedestrian Crossings Manual;**
- **Require that all proposals for zebras and signalised crossings follow the internal approval process set out in the Pedestrian Crossings Manual;**
- **Prioritise proposals on an Aberdeenshire wide basis to ensure crossings are targeted where they are most needed; and**
- **Re-evaluate existing signalised crossings prior to replacement and remove those which do not meet current criteria;**

## 3 Scope

This Policy shall apply to:

- Aberdeenshire’s existing road network;
  - New roads constructed by or on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council; and
  - New roads constructed by others for adoption by Aberdeenshire Council.
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## 4 Implementation and Compliance

Aberdeenshire Council's "Pedestrian Crossings Manual" contains detailed direction on the provision, assessment and design of pedestrian crossing facilities.

The Roads Policy and Asset Manager will be responsible for updating this manual to reflect changes in legislation and any other improvements or amendments considered to be needed. Requests for approval of design proposals for zebras and signalised crossings and for departures from the standards set out in the manual shall be determined by the Roads Policy and Asset Manager after advice from the Roads Standards Group.

The Strategy Manager shall be responsible for ensuring that requests for new crossings are processed in accordance with this policy and the manual, compiling and maintaining a list of candidate sites and prioritising proposals in accordance with the manual.

Local Roads and Landscape Managers shall be responsible for compliance within their areas and supporting the Strategy Manager in the assessment of sites in their areas.

The Roads Development Manager shall ensure that all crossings in roads for adoption comply with the requirements of the manual.

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