



FURZEHATT ROAD ZEBRA CROSSING

1. INTRODUCTION

This report seeks delegated authority to implement a Zebra Crossing on Furzehatt Road.

2. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS REQUIRED

There are no elements of this scheme that requires a Traffic Order. However, the decision to be taken is to add a Zebra Crossing to Furzehatt Road, approx. 15 metres east of the centre line of its junction with Holland Road.

3. STATUTORY CONSULTATION

Proposals

The proposals for the advertisement of this Zebra Crossing were advertised on street, in the Herald and on the Plymouth City Council website on 18th June 2021. Details of the proposals were sent to the Councillors representing the affected wards and statutory consultees on 14th June 2021

There have been 5 representations received relating to crossing on Furzehatt Road

Consultation	Comments
<p>I have seen a notification about the possibility of a Zebra Crossing on Furzehatt Road jnc with Holland Road & Goosewell Road. While I welcome the idea of a crossing at this location I feel that a lighted pedestrian crossing would be better as I feel that with the amount of pedestrians crossing the road in the mornings & afternoons to be able to get to & home from school on time the traffic would not be able to move, whereas with the pedestrian crossing it would be timed giving motorist & pedestrians time to use the road & not cause too many delays for motorists who are trying to make their way to work or appointments.</p> <p>Would there still be a school patrol at the start & end of school times if a Zebra Crossing is installed? As there used to be 2 school patrols one on Furzehatt Road & one on Goosewell Road until the Zebra Crossing on Goosewell Road was installed. Traffic on the roads has increased greatly over the years & is continuing to increase.</p>	<p>Thank you for your recent comments towards the proposals – 2021.2137259.</p> <p>The reasoning that a signalled crossing cannot be considered in this location is because it is too close to the junction, therefore vehicles would not be able to see the signals. Consideration was taken in the feasibility stages to move the crossing further down the road however this was rejected because the proposed crossing is in the desired location where pedestrians will cross.</p> <p>There are no plans to remove the school crossing patrol, however this is funded by the school themselves.</p> <p>Your comments have been logged on our records and will be considered as part of the final decision making process. At the end of the consultation period, a report will be prepared summarising any concerns that have been raised and making recommendations. In line with the statutory process, the decision on whether or not to proceed with these proposals will be made by the Cabinet Member for Transport.</p> <p>You will be notified if and when the proposals will be implemented.</p>

<p>I have lived in Plymstock all my life & my Children both went to Goosewell School & had to cross this road daily.</p>	
<p>I am in support of a crossing on this road, many school children need to access the school the other side and it's an extremely busy artery through Plymstock which many pedestrians would benefit a safe crossing on.</p>	<p>Thank you for your recent comments towards the proposals – 2021.2137259.</p> <p>Your comments have been logged on our records and will be considered as part of the final decision making process. At the end of the consultation period, a report will be prepared summarising any concerns that have been raised and making recommendations. In line with the statutory process, the decision on whether or not to proceed with these proposals will be made by the Cabinet Member for Transport.</p> <p>You will be notified if and when the proposals will be implemented.</p>
<p>I am writing in full support of a safe pedestrian crossing at this site.</p> <p>I cross this road at least 4 times every day with a pram and it can be very dangerous outside the hours of the lollipop lady.</p> <p>Hundreds of school children cross here daily outside the lollipop hours and would benefit hugely.</p>	<p>Thank you for your recent comments towards the proposals – 2021.2137259.</p> <p>Your comments have been logged on our records and will be considered as part of the final decision making process. At the end of the consultation period, a report will be prepared summarising any concerns that have been raised and making recommendations. In line with the statutory process, the decision on whether or not to proceed with these proposals will be made by the Cabinet Member for Transport.</p> <p>You will be notified if and when the proposals will be implemented.</p>
<p>I'm contacting you to express my full support for the installation of a safe crossing on Furzehatt Road close to the junctions of Holland Road and Goosewell Road.</p> <p>I cross this road several times a week and as an able-bodied adult I find it very challenging and risky to cross Furzehatt Road. The natural crossing space is by a multi-way junction which is often approached by vehicles travelling at speed (many with too much speed). This road is crossed daily by children, elderly and disabled people as well as other adults and it would be considerably safer to install a zebra crossing which would force vehicles to slow down and approach with caution (perhaps a</p>	<p>Thank you for your recent comments towards the proposals – 2021.2137259.</p> <p>Your comments have been logged on our records and will be considered as part of the final decision making process. At the end of the consultation period, a report will be prepared summarising any concerns that have been raised and making recommendations. In line with the statutory process, the decision on whether or not to proceed with these proposals will be made by the Cabinet Member for Transport.</p> <p>You will be notified if and when the proposals will be implemented.</p>

<p>traffic/speed camera would also be beneficial). A safe crossing place would also complement the wider environmental goals of encouraging more people to walk or cycle around the local area. Parents would also be more comfortable with encouraging older primary-aged children to walk to the shops to boost their activity levels as well as gaining valuable independence skills.</p> <p>I think this crossing is long overdue and I can't wait for it to be installed.</p>	
<p>Resident living close to the proposed site of the crossing. Objected as he feels that the crossing will cause additional vibrations from vehicles stopping closer to the house which will lead to damage to the property. Several other issues have been discussed over lengthy correspondence including the frequency of bus services and numbers of pedestrians crossing the road. Replies are summarised opposite. Resident has decided not to protest further</p>	<p>You are correct that up to 20 Buses an hour might use the road during the day. However, the vehicle fleet are now much more modern in terms of engine vibration and fuel efficiency as well as breaking efficiency, suspension and axle loading. This does mean that, modern public transport vehicles produce significantly less noise, vibration and pollution than their earlier counterparts.</p> <p>The recent survey indicated that buses and HGV's form less than 2% of the peak hour traffic on Furzehatt Road which took no more than 8000 vehicles a day pre lockdown. This is actually a fairly low HGV percentage which reflects the road's geography and function.</p> <p>The proposal sites the edge of the carriageway some 1.4m further away from the property than at present. In general, the further away from a property the ground-borne vibration begins the wider it's distribution and the less its effect.</p> <p>The most recent Pedestrian/Vehicle count on Furzehatt Rd took place on the 15th June 2021 although a similar survey was also undertaken in February 2020.</p> <p>Figures for the Morning and Afternoon peak hours were as follows :-</p> <p>AM Peak – 176 children under 16 and 85 Adults. There were a total of 697 vehicles counted in both directions during this period of which 9 were buses.</p> <p>PM Peak – 132 children under 16 and 55 Adults. There were a total of 806 vehicles counted in both directions during this period of which 9 were buses.</p> <p>These figures more than justify provision of a Zebra Crossing Facility at this location and confirm that</p>

	<p>this is the predominant desire line for pedestrians wishing to cross the road in the area.</p> <p>Concerning wheel slap from potholes, the carriageway will be resurfaced in the vicinity of the crossing which should eliminate potential for potholes in the short to medium term.</p>
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4. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended to proceed with original proposals as advertised.

5. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

The lawful implications and consequences of the proposal have been considered and taken into account in the preparation of this report.

When considering whether to install a crossing, it is the Council's responsibility to ensure that all relevant legislation is complied with. This includes Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) that sets out that it is the duty of a local authority, so far as practicable subject to certain matters, to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. It is considered that the proposals comply with Section 122 of the Act as they practically secure the safe and expeditious movement of traffic in and around Plymouth and provide for suitable and adequate associated parking facilities.