



ELBURTON ROAD

1. INTRODUCTION

This report seeks delegated authority to implement a new parallel crossing on Elburton Road.

2. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS REQUIRED

2.1 The elements that need a Traffic Regulation Order are as follows:

There are no elements of this scheme that requires a Traffic Order. However, the decision to be taken is to add a parallel crossing to Elburton Road.

3. STATUTORY CONSULTATION

Proposals

The proposals for the scheme were advertised on street, in the Herald and on the Plymouth City Council website on 12th July 2024. Details of the proposals were sent to the Councillors representing the affected wards and statutory consultees on 8th July 2024. In addition, letters were sent to approximately 290 residents and a consultation event, where Plymouth City Council officers were available to discuss the proposals, took place in Victoria Park on 20 July, 2024.

There have been 7 representations received during the statutory consultation process relating to the proposals included in the Traffic Regulation Order.

No	Respondents' Comments	PCC responses
1	<p>"I can't not see if this means the bus stop will no longer be present at Moorcroft Quarry?"</p> <p>Also on the green space beside and behind the bus stop there are wild orchids in flower at present and every year. These are a protected wildflower. Once again from the plans shared I cannot see if this will be impacted or adjusted to protect them."</p>	<p>Thank you for your enquiry.</p> <p>I can confirm that the bus stop will remain and is unaffected by the proposals.</p> <p>I can also confirm that there are no works within the immediate vicinity of the bus stop and therefore the orchids there would be unaffected.</p>
2	<p>Councillor Stefan Krizanac: "Looking at proposed pedestrian crossing I am not sure it is in the right place. Thinking of a traffic flow it would be more logic to have crossing closer to junction (roundabout) Elburton Road and Colesdown Hill. I do believe proposed crossing further away from roundabout would not be used by pedestrians and ignored by drivers."</p>	<p>Thank you for your email about the proposed crossing on Elburton Road (consultation reference: Amd.2024.2137321).</p> <p>The proposed location of the crossing is determined by a number of factors, but in particular the desire to provide a direct link across Elburton Road from the planned Colesdown Hill underbridge walking and cycling link which will complete a direct traffic free route from Laira Rail Bridge and beyond.</p>

		<p>The visibility to the crossing point is good and because there is a single lane of traffic through the crossing in each direction, the belusha beacons will be very visible to drivers.</p> <p>The proposed design for the crossing has been subjected to a Road Safety Audit which has not raised any concerns about the location of the crossing point.</p> <p>I hope that this provides you with some reassurance, but please do let me know if you have any further questions.</p>
3	<p>“Happy about the crossing on Elburton road. This is currently a pain to get past.</p> <p>Personally I would like some kind of crossing allowing you to get between Oreston and the protected cycle paths to the north of the road by Morisons but the road is a blight”</p>	<p>Thank you for your recent comments towards the proposals – 2024.2137321 Crossings – Elburton Road.</p> <p>Your request for a crossing of the A379 in the vicinity of the Morrisons is noted, but is unfortunately beyond the scope of this project.</p>
4	<p>“...The crossing of Elburton Road also seems to me to be an excellent opportunity to improve safety and encourage cycling. It would appear to be funded but as yet has no proposed starting date. Again this situation must be resolved and a start date agreed....”</p>	<p>Thank you for your recent comments towards all the current proposals for, Budshead Road, Elburton Road, Devonport Road, Cot Hill, Alma Road/Ponsonby Road & Mill Bridge</p>
5	<p>“I think anything that improves facilities for cyclists and safety for pedestrians is a very good thing, and I'm glad to hear about the proposal. I hope it goes ahead.”</p>	<p>Thank you for your recent comments towards the proposals – 2024.2137321 Crossings.</p>
6	<p>“Plymouth Cycling Campaign (PCyC) fully supports plans for the parallel crossings at Cot Hill, Eldad Hill, Alma Road and Devonport Road which have progressed to the TRO stage, although we understand that funding is currently only secured for the Colesdown Hill under-bridge route and nearby parallel crossing of Elburton Road.</p> <p>PCyC has for long advocated parallel crossings as the best option for those walking, wheeling, and cycling in most situations. Those at Eldad Hill and Elburton Road sit on NCN routes and also have the support of Sustrans.”</p>	<p>Thank you for your recent comments towards the proposals – 2024.2137325, 2024.2137324, 2024.2137323.</p>
7	<p>“I am writing in support of a number of the traffic management schemes currently open for consultation. details of schemes and feedback below.....</p> <p>Amd.2024.2137321 Crossings</p> <p>Just wanted to remark how needed the addition of the crossing is, having cycled to Wembury and Noss Mayo</p>	<p>Thank you for your recent comments towards the proposals – 2024.2137323 Mill Bridge, 2024.2137321 Crossings and 2024.2137325 Alma & Ponsonby Road.</p> <p>A ramp to replace the existing steps would be expensive and have a substantial environmental impact. It would also be very difficult to construct this ramp without making it impossible to subsequently construct the underbridge so as to provide a level route to the proposed crossing point.</p>

	<p>from central Plymouth, the lack of a nearby crossing to regain the parallel cycleway has caused me issues in the past, and this will do an excellent job of rectifying this - although the addition of a ramp where the steps currently are would also make the journey a little easier.”</p>	
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4. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the proposals are implemented 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 make a traffic order 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.