



Station Road, Newport – Crossing improvements

Public Consultation Summary



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1.0 Introduction

Concerns have been raised with regard to pedestrian safety and crossing provisions along Station Road, Newport near to the Granville Avenue junction. As a result, a consultation was undertaken in May 2019 to gauge public opinion on a scheme that involves improvements to crossing facilities at the aforementioned location.

The following key changes are being proposed:

- Removal of the existing uncontrolled pedestrian refuge near the Granville Avenue junction.
- Installation of a zebra crossing 12 metres south of the existing refuge location.

2.0 Consultation Responses

There was a total of 96 responses received during the consultation period. The following table details the overall response to the consultation.

	For	Against
Overall feedback to proposals	85 (89%)	11 (11%)

In addition to the general support for or against this scheme, the respondents were given the opportunity to provide general comments on the scheme for consideration. The table below provides a summary of the comments received as well as a response to these comments/concerns.

Comments/Concerns	No. of Suggestions (% of total respondents)	Telford & Wrekin Council Response
Concerns relating to speeding traffic	16 (17%)	The comments mainly raise concerns with the speed of traffic making it difficult to cross Station Road. It is hoped the provision of a zebra crossing would mitigate these difficulties. Following the introduction of the scheme, post scheme data will be reviewed to assess vehicle speeds to establish whether further measures are required.
Request for an additional crossing along Station Road towards Pen-Y-Bryn Way	5 (5%)	Pedestrian surveys were undertaken to ascertain the best location for the zebra crossing based on current pedestrian movements. The need for an additional crossing will be reviewed as part of future developments coming forward along this length of Station Road.
Install pedestrian guardrails at the Granville Avenue junction.	4 (4%)	It was proposed to review the need for pedestrian barriers after the scheme was delivered and the usage of the zebra crossing can be reviewed. However, consideration can be given to implementing these barriers at the same time as the zebra being installed.
Review on-street parking	3 (3%)	On-street parking will be reviewed following the introduction of this scheme.
Provision of a speed camera	2 (2%)	Telford and Wrekin Council are not permitted to install speed cameras and this would be the responsibility of West Mercia Police.
Keep the existing pedestrian refuge	2 (2%)	Keeping this refuge is likely to reduce the success of the zebra crossing and therefore would not maximise the benefit of the scheme. The feasibility of this refuge remaining will be considered through the detail design stage.
Add speed cushions to reduce speed of traffic	2 (2%)	See the comments above relating to concerns over speed of traffic.



In addition to the above, there were a number of other suggestions made that were mentioned by one consultee (1%) each. These include, HGV restrictions, additional crossing on Upper Bar, a 20mph speed limit and a shared space area. All of these options will be considered through the detailed design to ensure the final scheme is suitable and accommodates requests where possible.

3.0 Recommendations

There was a good response rate to this consultation with a large majority in favour of the proposals. It is therefore recommended that this scheme is taken forward to detailed design and delivery based on the proposals set out in the consultation.

The following should be implemented:

- Installation of a zebra crossing 12 metres south of the existing refuge location.

The need for the pedestrian refuge to be removed or to remain will be reviewed as part of the detailed design but it is likely that it will be removed due to the overall benefit this will create in terms of pedestrian safety.

This recommendation is to be considered by Newport Town Council and the Borough Councillors for Newport South and East Ward to agree a way forward.