

Appendix 1: Responses received for “St Quintin Avenue – Proposed Zebra Crossing” consultation

Objection – One

As admitted there is already a pedestrian crossing in the immediate vicinity

Loss of parking due to the proposal

The location does not lead to or from particularly busy or needy areas

Another obstacle to motorists in an already cluttered area leading to reduced traffic flow

What is the overall cost of this consultation and the creation of the crossing and what is the extra cost to include "a raised traffic table", effectively a speed bump, if the scheme is progressed

The area and community would benefit more if money and resources were directed towards crime control and general policing

We are told by the new Government that there is a financial black hole to fill so I suggest government employees at all levels would be better utilised representing their voters and tax payers concentrating on that by increasing efficiency and having regard to the macro picture rather than spending our money on canvassing opinion on unnecessary duplication of facilities which may, or may not, benefit a relatively small number of the public.

Objection – Two

I live in the property that the proposed Zebra Crossing [REDACTED]. We have lived here for [REDACTED] and raised [REDACTED] children from birth to [REDACTED]. The current arrangement of a traffic island has worked very well for us with no issues or worries in terms of road safety and don't see the need for the Zebra crossing. I'm also concerned that if flashing bollards are installed the light will disturb our children's sleep [REDACTED].

Objection – Three

I have lived in the property for over [REDACTED] and our [REDACTED] children were born here. We have never had any concerns for their or our safety.

Having a zebra crossing will be disrupting due to the bollards emitting light that will disturb my children [REDACTED].

On top of that, the fact that cars will need to stop for the crossing and speed up afterwards will increase the noise level, incurring in noise pollution.

Objection – Four

There is no need for a further zebra crossing in st Quintin Avenue there are already 2 such crossings in this road. Furthermore a crossing at this location will be dangerous as it is close to the junction with Wallingford and Pangbourne avenues. It will also add to the already bad traffic congestion along this part of st Quintin avenue.

Objection – Five

There are already a zebra crossings nearby, closer to St Quintin Gardens for example; I'm not convinced another zebra crossing is needed, especially given how easy it is to cross the road most times, even without a zebra crossing. I don't think the benefits of having an additional one outweigh the costs, such as reduced parking spaces, reduced flow of traffic, etc.

Objection – Six

There are crossings relatively near the proposed new crossing in both directions. Pollution from standing traffic is already appalling in the area and another halt will undoubtedly exacerbate this. Please invest in proper bicycle lanes of safe enough width and which cannot be parked on by other vehicles, increasing danger for cyclists. I walk, drive and cycle in the area and feel pedestrians and motorists are relatively well served-cyclists are not.

Objection – Seven

There are already three zebra crossings on St Quintin's Avenue -which is not a long road. The proposed additional zebra crossing is not necessary and would interfere with traffic flow.

Support in Full – One

I have two children - 2 years and 6 years - who walk to nursery/ school and we do not own a car. Cars often drive quickly down St Quintin Avenue despite the existing calming measures and I often feel nervous crossing at that point. This zebra crossing will be a great benefit to our walking journeys.

Support in Full – Two

Much needed!

Support in Full – Three

[No comment]

Support in Full – Four

Most welcome, I am in favour.

I would suggest a zebra to be at St Helen's Garden and Kelfield Avenue, enabling increased safety for residents, shoppers and the many students.

Support in Full – Five

[No comment]

Support in Full – Six

We use this route often and the traffic coming down st Quintin can be quite fast, so a raised table will really benefit us.

Support in Full – Seven

There's still a lot of speeding down St Quintin Avenue.. especially motorbikes... and we need more well designated and visible places for people... certainly the elderly like me..... can safely cross. And I live only [REDACTED] of the crossing! Good idea!

Support in Full – Eight

It would be nice to have a crossing here, as from st Quintin Gardens we have to cross either at the junction between high lever road / st Quintin avenue or either at the junction between st Helen Gardens / st Quintin Avenue.

Support in Full – Nine

There's an ongoing problem in this area with people driving far too fast. Way faster than the specified speed. Pedestrians are ignored.

A new, clearly marked, zebra crossing would be the beginning of a new era of safety.

Cars, motorbikes and electric vehicles make walking around this lovely area a lot less fun and much more dangerous.

Support in Full – Ten

This is something i've thought would be very beneficial many times in my several years of living here it would make it much safer to cross especially in such a residential area where i often struggle to cross this would make me much more comfortable

Support in Full – Eleven

It will be well-located and add 1 essential crossing point when otherwise people dodge the traffic... thank you!

Support in Full – Twelve

[No comment]

Support in Full – Thirteen

I have no objections to a new crossing near Pangbourne and Wallingford. The nearest ones are either by Highlever or down by St Mark's road/roundabout and St Quintin is quite a busy through road for traffic so an extra crossing would definitely help people be able to cross more safely no matter what end of the road they're on.

Support in Full – Fourteen

[No comment]

Support in Full – Fifteen

[No comment]

Support in Full – Sixteen

It's important as lots of the elderly people and young from the nursery struggle to cross the busy road.

Support in Full – Seventeen

I think it is particularly important during those times when the buses are diverted down St Quintins Avenue.

Support in Full – Eighteen

[No comment]

Support in Full – Nineteen

I cross this street every single morning with my 3 kids and can testify that cars drive toooo fast!

Support in Full – Twenty

I think it will make safer the roads , as more cars will have to be more careful

Support in Full – Twenty-one

[No comment]

Support in Full – Twenty-two

Love this and honestly so needed! People do drive very fast so to have that reassurance to cross is amazing next to the nursery

Support in Full – Twenty-three

[No comment]

Support in Full – Twenty-four

I am the mother of two small children and I have always felt that that crossing was very dangerous, especially when we cross St. Quintin Ave to go to Kensington Memorial Park via the Pangbourne Avenue entrance.

Support in Full – Twenty-five

I am elderly and walk across here regularly to take grandchildren to the playground in Ken Mem Park. traffic comes along very fast. I once witness a car drive at full speed into a tree, the police were called, it must be on your records.

Support in Full – Twenty-six

[No comment]

Support in Full – Twenty-seven

I have three young children often going to the KMP and I really really hope for their own safety the zebra cross is implemented there. It s a very dangerous part of the road and often cars drive well too fast, above the speed limit

Support in Full – Twenty-eight

My two kids and I walk across this intersection every day and I always worry when they have to do it on their own. It's extremely busy and complicated with the different flow of traffic coming in opposite directions on either side. It's very close to the entrance to

the park so very common for kids to be crossing there. People often speed on this road as well so a zebra crossing will help deter this.

Support in Full – Twenty-nine

I think this is a good idea. I wonder if it is too close to the cross road - there are constant incidents at the Oxford Gardens/st Helens crossroads where there is also an adjacent zebra crossing.

Support in Full – Thirty

[No comment]

Support in Full – Thirty-one

I have a 4-year-old, and we cross St Quintin Ave regularly, as we don't have a car and we walk and take public transport everywhere. With the number of cars parked on that street, it can be harrowing to cross the street safely due to limited visibility. I heartily support the zebra crossing!

Support in Full – Thirty-two

It is vital to secure a safe walk and crossing for families with young children, disabled people and elderly and ensure the neighbourhood gets to their destination safely

Another zebra crossing is required on St Helens gardens

Support in Full – Thirty-three

[No comment]

Support in Full – Thirty-four

[No comment]

Support in Full – Thirty-five

How many times does my daughter who is 5 over the years nearly have to be killed on this junction by reckless cars and motorbikes. It is an out of control speed run. I now have a 1 year old to and would appreciate it if she did not nearly die every day. There is a nursery school next to junction where all parents are walking across this junction all day.

We have complained numerous times.
Just look at the amount of car crashes on junction over years.

Support in Full – Thirty-six

[No comment]

Support in Full – Thirty-seven

Anything that can be done to slow the traffic in this area that has nurseries and schools is needed. No point in waiting until a child or someone is killed before saying we wished we had done more as a council.

Support in Full – Thirty-eight

Kids from Pangbourne house need a crossing! So dangerous without .

Support in Full – Thirty-nine

[No comment]

Support in Full – Forty

[No comment]

Support in Full – Forty-one

My child goes to school there and it's a very busy crossing where we always feel at risk when crossing

Support in Full – Forty-two

[No comment]

Support in Full – Forty-three

I have Three kids who regularly need to cross that road and it s dangerous as cars drive over speed limit

Support in Full – Forty-four

It's increasingly difficult to cross the road safely around this junction. I have at times restricted mobility and use sticks or crutches, and cannot move speedily. I would very much appreciate a crossing. At this point of St Quintin Ave traffic tends to speed up. Especially if it has come off the Westway and from Scrubs Lane through congestion. Often the 20mph limit is not observed.

Support in Full – Forty-five

[No comment]

Support in Full – Forty-six

[No comment]

Support in Full – Forty-seven

I see a lot of families crossing to go to the Kensington memorial or the nursery with car going very fast it looks scary.

Support in Full – Forty-eight

It's notoriously difficult to cross over this very busy junction.

There is a Doctors Surgery and a Nursing Home right by this junction, so it would greatly assist patients coming from either.

Additionally, there is a small nursery nearby, so would greatly benefit folk collecting children.

So the introduction of a zebra crossing would really benefit the area in terms of safety and easy of crossing over the road.

Support in Full – Forty-nine

[No comment]

Support in Full – Fifty

Please less cars and more zebra crossings everywhere

Support in Full – Fifty-one

[No comment]

Support in Full – Fifty-two

[No comment]

Support in Full – Fifty-three

Great plan, more please, as St Quentin is still abused as a speedway by some drivers.

Support in Full – Fifty-four

I walk my child to school every day and am fully in favour of another zebra crossing. St Quintin avenue is increasingly congested with traffic. It's also very busy with nursery and primary school children, the nursing home and the doctors surgery. I would welcome something on Barlby road too, to help with speeding and road crossing.

Support in Full – Fifty-five

It would improve safety at that busy junction, especially for school groups and reduce the speed of vehicles using the road.

Support in Full – Fifty-six

[No comment]

Support in Full – Fifty-seven

[No comment]

Support in Full – Fifty-eight

Yes people drive much too fast down st Quintin avenue - it has become a rat run. More crossings would be helpful to make the street more pedestrian friendly.

Support in Full – Fifty-nine

We could use speed bumps too on the whole of St Quintin Ave

Everyone speeds down that road very fast.

And the traffic is awful too.

Support in Full – Sixty

Many people cross here, especially heading for the doctors' surgery. observation would tell you that the vast majority cross NOT where you propose the zebra crossing, but to the EAST of the St Quintin Avenue junction with Wallingford Avenue (to the south) and Pangbourne Avenue (to the north).

Where you propose to put it, all those heading for the doctors' surgery will also have to cross the unzebra-ed Pangbourne Avenue. Strongly approve but to the west of the junction with Pangbourne/Wallingford Avenues.

Support in Full – Sixty-one

1. Adjacent side road junctions should be narrowed as per best practice to improve crossings and reduce vehicle speeds
2. Zebra crossing is helpful however broader approach needed to reduce volume of through traffic, overall vehicle speeds

Support in Full – Sixty-two

Strongly support

Support in Full – Sixty-three

It would be a useful crossing, but an even more crucial one would be a zebra crossing across St. Helen's Gardens, between St. Quintin's Avenue and Kelfield Gardens: this segment of St. Helen's Gardens separate between the two buildings of Basset House School - dozens of students and their parents cross it several times a day and currently there isn't even a 'School' sign in place.

Support in Full – Sixty-four

I cross that road at that exact point every week and most times I have to wait on the island for the cars to go past, which is quite dangerous if more than one person (or with a dog or pram) needs to cross at one time

Support in Full – Sixty-five

Yes please! despite it being a 20mph zone cars drive incredibly fast down this street. This is stressful and unpleasant for me as I have 2 small children. I know lots of other neighbours who complain and are fearful of how fast and dangerously people drive down the street. I highly support the implantation of a zebra crossing as it's difficult and dangerous to cross this road currently I also think it will be good as it will slow cars down.

Support in Full – Sixty-six

Particularly in rush hour St Quintin's Ave is very congested and hard to cross. A zebra crossing would significantly help.

Support in Full – Sixty-seven

For the many years we have lived in this neighbourhood this zebra cross has been needed. It is very hard and dangerous to cross at this point of the road. With a nursery and an old people home within close proximity it puts more vulnerable people at risk when trying to cross safely over a much used route. The crossing will also help to slow down some of the fast moving traffic along this road. We are highly in favour of this proposal.

Support in Full – Sixty-eight

Yes please do this!!

Support in Full – Sixty-nine

Lots of schools and nurseries / families and no safe place to cross with children.

Support in Full – Seventy

I am often crossing St Quintin Avenue here to go to the park with my young children. This would be very helpful

Support in Full – Seventy-one

- 1 People cross here to take children to Oxford Gardens school
- 2 Dog owners cross here frequently to take dogs to park.
- 3 Hopefully it will slow down the traffic.
- 4 We need a crossing .

Support in Full – Seventy-two

St Quintin Avenue has become a busy thoroughfare and difficult to cross outside of pedestrian crossing. The designated location will be helpful to a lot of pedestrians and may well help decrease the speed of vehicles on the road which has become increasingly hazardous

Support in Full – Seventy-three *(received shortly after the consultation had closed)*

I had only just seen the notice fixed to the lamp post outside number 39 St Quintin Avenue. I don't think it's posted anywhere else and I'm sure many residents would have missed it.

The closing date is given as this last 27th October. I hope I'm still in time to give my input?

I and my wife and neighbours at my address, all while heartedly back the proposal.

We have seen so many cars speeding down our street for too long. Mainly since the sleeping Policemen were removed some years ago.

I personally have had several conversations with the traffic dept over the past two years to see what can be done.

I very much hope you do install the proposed crossing and traffic table.

If you need more signatures to get this approved please let me know so that I can speak to more residents on the street.

Support in Part – One

Anything to slow traffic and make crossing easier at that point is very welcome. However it would be better on the other side of the junction - at the site of the existing crossing. This would also stop cars swinging into Pangbourne at high speeds from the large entrance and friendly angle from st Quintin's.

Support in Part – Two

How is this a priority over a zebra crossing on St Helens Gardens?! It really makes me wonder how these proposals are triaged and whether any data are being used to make these decisions and proposals.

Support in Part – Three

I think it would make more sense to upgrade the crossing on the east side of Wallingford Avenue, as this crossing is located closer to the medical facilities, preschool, and park, and is used far more by pedestrians.

Support in Part – Four

I live relatively close by and walk in this are frequently.

I have not experienced any real difficulties crossing the road at the proposed location for the crossing.

Support in Part – Five

I warmly welcome the siting of a zebra crossing on St Quintin Avenue near Pangbourne Avenue and Wallingford Avenue because, sadly, too many drivers and cyclists now see a straight stretch of road as licence to drive or cycle as fast as possible.

I suggest the crossing might be of use to more people if it were on the east side of Wallingford Avenue and Pangbourne Avenue opposite the St Quintin Health Centre. In that case, however, I think it would be important to keep the present "refuge" crossing, but move it to the west side where the new zebra crossing is being proposed.

Support in Part – Six

I am very shocked that despite the community having campaigned for years on alerting the council to the very dangerous roads around St Helens Gardens, the council chooses to prioritise implementing a new zebra crossing on a road that already has a zebra crossing 50 meters further.

Our children attend Bassett House School which is based on 3 locations around St Helens Gardens. They have to cross the streets several times a day to attend the hall where they have lunch and games.

There have been so many times where children and their very dedicated teachers have very nearly missed being injured by speeding cars.

St Helens Gardens appears to have become a major axis for both cars, vans and trucks in the morning as both Ladbroke Grove and Scrubs lane are heavily congested. Drivers have no patience for letting children, parents and teachers cross the road. The situation has only become worse since the recent changes to the streetscape with the road now being on the same level as the pavement blurring the lines between pedestrian and vehicle areas.

The road is not only crossed by children but very much by the whole community using the church and the wonderful little shops on St Helens Gardens.

I sincerely hope that the council will consider prioritising a zebra crossing where children, teachers, church goers and community members risk their lives several times a day. Please do not wait for terrible injuries to be inflicted to act!

Support in Part – Seven

Please put this crossing on the eastern corner where there is more foot traffic to the nursing home and the GP surgery rather than the less used western side.

ENDS