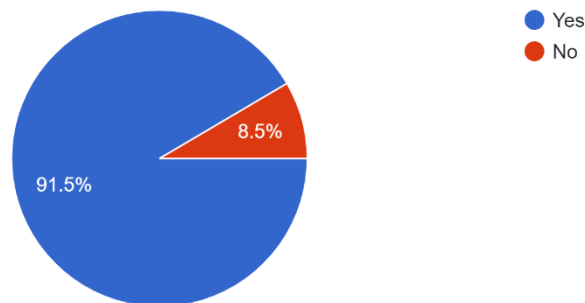




## Results of Zebra Crossing Survey

Do you support the proposed new crossing?

201 responses



November 2022

Do you support the proposed new crossing?

Yes 184 responses

No 17 responses

### Any Comments

81 responses

Way overdue

This is a dangerous crossing and Zebra Crossing would make it much safer

I think £15000.00 is a crazy estimate for this , if there is going to be a new crossing there should be traffic lights

Cars parked on the road should not be allowed.

Parking should not be allowed on the main road either.

Great idea.

It shouldn't be needed when the traffic is doing no more than 20 mph.

But might be worth saying what would happen to the lollipop lady?

Not required

Given how badly parents park on the hill when schoolchildren are going into or exiting the school, this is likely to be a safety hazard for traffic, especially those approaching from the direction of Witney. I think the current arrangements with a lollipop lady are probably better. I would prefer a zebra crossing (or similar) near the Enstone crossroads.

Long overdue. Also, a crossing at Five Ways Junction would be welcomed. The crossing is used daily by residents of Woodstock Road, Wilkins Court etc and also by walkers either coming from the Oxfordshire Way via Stonesfield Lane or going to the Oxfordshire Way, the crossing point doesn't reflect that "Walkers Are Welcome" here.

Long overdue

I regularly need to cross The Slade at this point and find it hazardous due to the volume and speed of the traffic. A pedestrian crossing would considerably reduce risk of an accident and improve safety.

Making a safer crossing would be a huge benefit to all pedestrians.

If this means that the lollipop person loses their job, then I am opposed.

Although the crossing is supervised when pupils need to cross in the morning and afternoon, there is no protection for anyone crossing at other times, as well as pupils leaving after school activities.

At the same time include another zebra crossing across Sturt Rd at the top of Dancers Hill. Many people cross here to catch buses, including school children, but visibility is quite restricted.

It's so unsafe trying to cross especially with young children. Drivers are very unforgiving.

100% yes. After walking to the school for 6 years with my son this is essential. Anything to reduce speed on this road! We need more calming, the bottom of the Slade (in the dip) is narrow and terrifying when a lorry roars past inches away! Also no barrier from the stream path?

Add traffic lights as well. And speed cameras.

With suitable traffic calming measures in this higher than average risk location, over due in my opinion

Until parking on the hill by the school is banned, the safest option is the one in operation now, the lollipop lady (I'm sure she will not to that title)

Long needed.

Great idea - and we need another one from Dancers Hill to Woody Lane as you can't see the traffic coming round the bend in the road from the Woody Lane side. Very dangerous and I've been nearly wiped out on that corner. At the moment drivers all along The Slade treat the road like a motorway, driving much too fast. What about a couple of chicanes??

To have this kind of crossing then parents should be stopped parking on the hill and also on the junction of Ticknell piece road and blocking that road

This would support the particular needs of children and parents crossing to and from school, make life easier for non-school pedestrians, help to slow traffic on The Slade, and also make safer the top end of Crawborough which at school opening and closing times is a lovely gathering place for kids and parents. I also think it would help my young kids to become more independent by giving them easier access from where we live (Hill Close) to friends and facilities around Ticknell Piece. Downsides: presumably the school crossing officer would no longer have a job; also for about 20 minutes twice a day The Slade would be backed up with traffic waiting for the fairly constant flow of school pedestrians going over the crossing (bonus upside to that: Google's algorithm for journey directions might suddenly find it less

appealing to send so much traffic through Charlbury as journey times lengthen by 2-5 minutes at peak times.)

it should be a no brainer

We desperately need a pedestrian crossing on The Slade especially for children and elderly people. There should also be a 20mph restriction along the whole of the Slade.

Car drive too fast on that road next to primary school. Always a concert if it's safe to cross. It would make so much sense to have a pedestrian crossing.

This should be a full, press-button crossing with beacons.

Anyone like me who lives on the other side of the Slade from the school would welcome this, I think. And it would have the added advantage of slowing traffic down and encouraging more walking. Children who attend after school clubs do not have the benefit of the lollipop lady to see them safely across the road.

I am in favour of the zebra crossings. Although I have serious safety concerns about the proposed installation of the build outs reducing traffic to single file, particularly at school drop off and pick up times when congestion is already bad in this area.

During the school time the lolly pop lady is present, otherwise I think the island is very efficient.

Suggest if it goes ahead, that 'lollipop lady' is present for some months until folk get used to it.

This would work better if there was a 20 mph speed limit as well - as speeds approaching this location can be well over 30 at times affecting braking distance. How this would affect school pick up drop off parking obviously needs to be taken into consideration as this area is already difficult to drive through at those times. But it does slow the traffic down. Belisha beacons can be very annoying if installed outside someone's house - even when fitted with panels to stop light going into windows. The panels themselves can also be very unsightly

Any proposal that checks traffic speed & provides a safe crossing place is very welcome

Please can we have a New Pedestrian Crossing on The Slade with traffic calming?

Any road safety initiatives are welcome.

It would be good to know if there will be traffic lights as well, or a Belisha beacon?

Long overdue

My only reservation is that it may affect the speed of traffic for people trying to cross at the dangerous cross roads further up on Enstone/Nine Acres Rd when cars might speed up coming up to that junction.

I would have concerns that traffic approaching from the Witney direction ( that already ignores the speed limit) would continue to speed. I personally wouldn't feel comfortable crossing without the refuge area

To use £15,000 of Town funds seems a lot of money to replace the current pedestrian refuge which has clearly worked well for years. I think there will be more potential for a lack of safety if you get rid of the current Attendant as children are likely to just run across the road thinking it's safe to do so as its a Zebra crossing. If the Attendant is to stay then there is no requirement for this change in my opinion.

Would be a much needed improvement

Yes, support but traffic lights would be much better and safer like at Fiveways Store / Sturt Road. I think the case is even stronger for traffic lights due to proximity to school.

Long overdue!

Also support other traffic calming further south on the slade

And at the crossroads. That's even more dangerous!

Could this not be puffin crossing as I am concerned that drivers will not stop during rush hour/ school drop off pick up times for a zebra crossing. As there have been a few incidents when drivers fail to stop during the school drop off/pick up with the lollipop lady stood in the road.

Anything to make the school crossing safer is positive. If we can slow down the speeds at which drivers drive down the slade, then even better

Vehicles hurtle through this road well over the 30mph limit. I always feel anxious regarding this road that children regularly cross and fully support a zebra crossing which would help enforce a safer speed and allow children to cross safely with confidence.

Safer for a heavily used route to a school entrance, needed for after school clubs, not just before/after school

I'd also support extending the 20 mph zone full length of the Slade.

I feel strongly that this is necessary

I live near The Slade & from my back garden I can hear cars speeding. It is a great concern which I think could be helped with the zebra crossing .

Yes think it would be a good idea. Just don't get rid of the lollipop lady as that road is still dangerous trying to cross with children. Have seen her standing in the road on a few times where cars and vans haven't stopped.

Yes in principle this would make crossing the road much safer. A few detailed comments: 1)

The crossing should use shrouded beacons to minimize light pollution (e.g. like the zebra crossings on Walton Street in Oxford); 2) the crossing could be wider than the minimum 2.4m and ideally over 3m to allow more people to cross simultaneously, as it will get busy at school drop off/pick up times; and 3) If the cost of a full zebra crossing becomes an obstacle, then a simpler crossing without beacons and a larger pedestrian refuge like the ones at Frideswide Square or at the east end of Broad Street in Oxford would provide some improvement.

It's entirely necessary -speaking as a parent- and would help a new 20mph speed limit (if decided upon) be adhered to.

Tom Greaves

The current crossing is dangerous

The traffic parked on the slade at school times is very dangerous

Although, the amount of traffic through there and the potential for cars speeding, I think a pelican crossing with traffic lights would be a better idea. However, if a zebra is all that is offered, then this is better than nothing!

Whilst I support a zebra crossing on The Slade, I would personally feel much more comfortable with a traffic light/green man, crossing.

Excellent idea, many people cross here not just those using the school.

As long as it's a Zebra, not a Pelican type crossing. The high pitched noise made by light controlled crossings creates a nuisance to surrounding houses.

It will also serve as an addition means of slowing down traffic on The Slade

Need to sort out the illegal parking as well (especially around entrances to turnings and opposite) make driving very difficult)

A crossing allows people to traverse the road in greater safety, and indirectly encourages people to walk rather than drive, so a further good idea. The crossing will need to be sited so that pedestrians and drivers can see each other.

vehicle speed is an issue on Sturt road and the Slade 40mph is the norm

In addition to assisting children and parents to cross when walking to and from school, a zebra crossing will help to reduce traffic speeds every day of the year.

We would also request that the current 20mph limit is extended to the area outside the school.

Too dangerous

Not only would a crossing make it safer for pedestrians but I think it would also help to calm traffic.

It will be a accident waiting to happen with the amount of cars that park for the school on the Slade and Ticknell piece road

The present refuge is quite inadequate if you are trying to cross with a pushchair and/or toddler and have to wait in the middle of the road. I would also urge thought to be given to where people park when dropping their children off at school by car. The cars stretch both sides of the junction of The Slade with Crawborough and reduce visibility at this busy part of the road. This can be a hazard particularly when people open their car doors on the driver's side of the car, even letting children out from that side.

A lot of traffic uses the Slade, referred to by some as Charlbury Bypass. Traffic from the Witney side comes up the hill too fast and the bend is such as to make crossing the road at the end of Crawborough hazardous. Lower speed limits and road narrowing will also be required.

I am unsure why its 30 mph speed limit past the school, its very frightening the speed vehicles do when children are coming and going from school. I am surprised there has not been accidents so I fully support the new crossing.

Although I think its a good idea I think that the area could be made far safer by enforcing no parking in that area on the school side from Ticknell down as far as Hill Close

I think this would be a very good thing. But would we still keep the crossing officer and the traffic island? I also think we badly need some kind of crossing on Nine Acres Lane - between the scout hut and the end of the footpath alongside nine acres recreation ground. It's a horrible spot for anyone to cross, as you practically have to be in the road to see traffic on the footpath side, and you have to negotiate parked cars on the scout hut side. It's particularly bad for the elderly and for children.

This would be an excellent idea

Possibly with a raise to slow traffic too-people drive fast along here so a slight bump would further slow the traffic