

## Appendix 1, Gosbrook Road Tiger Crossing - Feedback to Statutory Consultations

Part a: updated 09/10/2020

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Summary	Feedback received
	<b>Summary of responses:</b> <b>Objections - 9, Support - 12</b>
1) Objection	There is already a pedestrian crossing at the location, removing parking spaces will make it even more difficult to park to access the green space.
2) Support	Whilst I wholeheartedly support the installation of a crossing here, the offsetting of the crossing to the east of the footpaths into both Christchurch Meadow and Westfield Park will severely impact the use and effectiveness of the crossing for both cyclists and pedestrians. The majority of foot and cycle traffic crossing here comes from the west (principally the park) and people will avoid the detour to the proposed crossing and maintain the current desire line. Removing the parking and siting the crossing in front of 88/93 Gosbrook Road would provide a far more convenient and properly used crossing. Closing the vehicle access to the flats 88-110 if necessary but an alternative car route is already provided. Installing a high quality crossing such as this in a poor manner will limit its effectiveness and cause problems in itself. PS any plans for sorting out the junction of Westfield Road and Prospect Street? Absolutely no pedestrian or cycling provision on any arm is a complete joke.
3) Objection	The loss of parking spaces where there is already limited parking makes no sense.
4) Objection	I cannot see the point of it. Also parking for the youth football teams who play there will be reduced.
5) Support	This seems like a good idea as a lot of people cross here. It's unlikely to cause significant traffic delays. I wonder if you need to reduce the parking so dramatically though, it's especially useful for visitors to the park.
6) Objection	I don't see a clear strategy for transport management in Caversham it is a knee jerk reaction via piecemeal ideas. The existing infrastructure is fine and removal of the few parking spaces has not been replaced a balanced approach is required.
7) Support	Excellent for supporting those of us committed to walking more and driving less - please prioritise this development.
8) Support	This would make this so much safer.
9) Support	I have lived in this area for [REMOVED] and use this route daily. It is a popular crossing point for commuters and schoolchildren, on foot or bike, and is entirely logical to put a crossing there. Unfortunately it will lead to the loss

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	of a couple of parking spaces but I believe the wider public interest is served by this crossing. The existing crossing near the junction with Elliots Way is good, alas is out of the way for many people crossing for Westfield Park and South View Avenue direction. I would also go further and, if possible, introduce a variable 20mph limit between George St and Central Caversham, on weekdays around school drop off and pick up times.
10) Support	No comments received.
11) Support	Most cyclists/pedestrians cross here to walk to and from Reading. Currently, when travelling from Reading back to Caversham and crossing at this point your view is restricted by parked cars.
12) Support	A safe crossing is desperately needed across Gosbrook Road as the road can get very busy and with cars parked so close to the exit to the park it is often difficult to see traffic coming.
13) Support	We regularly walk or cycle with small children from Westfield road park and on through Christchurch meadows and this crossing is desperately needed. In the opposite direction it's impossible to see (due to parked cars) the traffic without standing in the road.
14) Support	I believe it's important that people are discourage to use their cars.
15) Objection	As a resident of Patrick Road we frequently have parking issues, so losing the majority of the existing parking spaces on Gosbrook road is a major concern. It gets particularly busy due to drop off/collection of kids at the 'temporary' Caversham Heights Primary school. The football sessions in Christchurch Meadows also result in cars parking everywhere, despite the permit only hours at the weekend. As it is some residents of Gosbrook road park on Patrick road because there is not enough parking for them, this scheme will make it much worse.
16) Support	But not at the expense of already limited 2 hour parking bays, line the crossing with the entrance to the Christchurch meadows, place railings if necessary to prevent pedestrians dashing out from blind spots, people cross there now with the current parking bays which do not cause issue, step the footpath out like you do with bus stops so the parking can remain without obscuring visuals with pedestrians waiting to cross , the roads is wide enough for that.
17) Support	I support the proposal on the basis that it will be a huge improvement to the safety of people crossing the road at that point, and will therefore also make it safer for drivers. It is a natural crossing point and the vast majority of people do not walk to the crossings that are further away. It is used daily by many people from Caversham who are walking to the park (often with small children and buggies etc.), and to the station to commute, as well as into town.
18) Objection	It serves no useful purpose. Pedestrian and cyclists will still attempt to cross the road where they always have, directly opposite the park entrance. Expending a considerable sum of tax/ratepayers money to install this is pointless. The loss of the current parking arrangements also indicate that insufficient thought has been put into this proposal. There is no mention of what will be done with the existing crossing opposite Wings chip shop. Do RBC REALLY think TWO crossings within 100 metres of each other is a sensible idea, given the mayhem that ensued following the stupidity of the short lived one way scheme foisted on the residents of Caversham with no

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	consultation.
19) Objection	<p>No objection to a crossing but I object to this proposal because:  It makes no provision for the removed parking spaces. This is likely to displace parking and affect residential streets nearby, which already cope with traffic related to Caversham Heights school and the parks.  It's unlikely to make it easier for cyclists or encourage cycling. It does not link directly with existing cycle paths, so many cyclists will probably not use it. A simpler pedestrian crossing by Christchurch Meadows entrance might be more beneficial.  The limited transport funding for Caversham could be better spent; for example, on measures to slow down traffic on this stretch of Gosbrook Road. Some drivers speed dangerously outside rush hour. Also, the need for a crossing is greater at the Last Crumb crossroads. This proposal seems well intended but does not really meet local needs.</p>
20) Objection	<p>There will be 3 crossings within 150 yards. It will slow traffic causing more delays. Pedestrians have managed perfectly well without a crossing. There will be loss of parking spaces. You are pandering to cyclists when money should be spent on pavements which are a disgrace. No doubt it will go through on the nod which no real discussion. You should be providing a safe pedestrian crossing Peppard Rd/Prospect St/Henley Rd/Westfield Rd. It appears that the offset' tiger crossing will encourage cycling on the pavement which is illegal. Or will pedestrians be deprived of pavement on both sides of the crossing just to make cycling legal? This requires an answer.</p>
21) Objection	<p>I strongly object to the proposed cycle crossing on Gosbrook Road, Caversham. In particular the Schedule 2 change on Gosbrook Road, South side to reduce the existing 37.8 metres of 2hr Limited Waiting to just 15 metres (or 20 metres - the 2 official drawings are contradictory on this).</p> <p>Reasons for Objection:</p> <p>There is a complete lack of short term parking in Caversham in general, most streets being restricted to either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Waiting/No Loading At Any Time, or</li> <li>• Residents Permit Holders Only - Monday to Sunday - 24 Hours (often with spaces during the day but prohibited for non-permit holders!)</li> </ul> <p>The only other 2hr limited waiting I know of is on Hemdean Road some distance from Caversham centre but not available on Saturdays. Chester Street car park is usually full with no spaces available.</p> <p>I am [REMOVED] years old and live on Caversham Park. Though able to walk a reasonable distance, my primary area for shopping and pleasant recreation is in Caversham either at the shopping centre or along the river with my dog. Walking into Caversham is about my limit and the return home is fairly steep uphill along Peppard Road, especially with shopping. The same problem with cycling but the uphill return is not feasible for me and impossible to take my dog along. This means that using my car to drive into Caversham is my preferred option since in the current coronavirus situation I should not use public transport.</p> <p>The current 2hr limited waiting on Gosbrook Road, South side by the entrance to Christchurch Meadows is really beneficial for me either to</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoy a leisurely walk along the river with my dog in a really beautiful riverside setting, or</li> <li>• A 20 minute walk into Reading centre, spend an hour or so shopping, then 20 mins walk back to my car.</li> </ul> <p>The reduction of the 2hr limited waiting from 38 metres to 15 or 20 metres will reduce the number of car parking spaces by half, and will often in future be full and require finding an alternative parking space (difficult as Hills Meadow Car Park is notably a commuter parking area with few spaces during the day).</p> <p>The proposed cycle crossing on Gosbrook Road will have no advantage for me.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why not place the crossing a little further east at the junction with George Street which already has traffic controls via traffic lights? And would retain the existing residents parking and 2 hr limited parking as at present. And probably save money in these stretched times for councils.</li> <li>2. Make some of the Residents Permit Holders Only parking available also as 2hr limited waiting during the day?</li> </ol>

**Part b: updated 09/10/2020**

Please note that the consultation was for changes to parking restrictions to facilitate the crossing, not the intention to install a crossing. The design and location of the crossing has previously been reported to the Sub-Committee and the below are comments we have received that are not considered as relevant to this consultation. For this reason, they have been reported as 'Comments' only and are included for information.

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	<b>Summary of responses: Comment - 56</b>
1) Comment	This crossing is definitely required in order to make it safe to cross the road. Pedestrians already cross there without the crossing anyway and cars are often speeding excessively, especially westward, so a crossing here will force cars to slow down. I live locally with my family and when crossing the road, either way having walked through Westfield or Christchurch parks/fields, I feel unsafe and so do my two young children. Unfortunately, the crossing further down near the Fox pub doesn't naturally fit into the walking route and is inadequate on its own. Likewise, as a car driver, I have regularly seen pedestrians and cyclists crossing the road dangerously and nearly hit people as they have to poke out into the road when crossing from the Christchurch side. I am firmly in support of this new proposed crossing.
2) Comment	I support continued investment in cycling infrastructure in Reading. The redesigned crossing offers a safer route for pedestrians and cyclists, and helps rebalance priority on the road away from cars. I was disappointed by the recent u-turn in Caversham, having supported the changes to Westfield Road and Gosbrook Road to facilitate social distancing and active travel. I hope this tiger crossing is part of a continued commitment to cycle infrastructure in Reading, and will lead to a bolder position for the council on supporting active travel in the future.
3) Comment	Please make sure it lines up with the existing paths and you get in with it as quickly as possible.
4) Comment	Given the number of pedestrians wanting to cross Gosbrook Road at this location en route to or from the bridge I think this will be very useful. I do have a slight concern about the "tiger crossing" aspect as I've often found that cyclists are less likely to obey the rules and keep in lane so it's important that the crossing lines up well with the gate into Christchurch Meadows thereby reducing the need for cyclists to swerve in front of pedestrians.
5) Comment	there is no need for a crossing so close to the existing ones, but my main objection is that it is wrongly sited and it is pretty likely that cyclists will ride on the pavement on both sides of Gosbrook Road to access the cycling routes. Also what happens to the access Road that allows Elizabeth House to exit with their vehicles and the Westbound bus stop. It is quite clear to local residents that cyclists cross Gosbrook Road and use the diagonal path across the Rec to access Westfield road as a route to Emmer Green . It appears that this is designed with the idea that the most popular route is the path that goes past the heights school entrance and the Playground, this is just

	not the case no matter how many times local councillors insist it is. That path is mainly used by pedestrians.
6) Comment	Integration of cycling infrastructure to this scheme is an excellent idea and will improve safety of both commuters into and out of reading, and ensure families on bikes can safely navigate the busy road between Westfield Park and Christchurch meadows. One suggestion, if the crossing could be moved ever so slightly further west along Gosbrook road as to be right on the desire line between the bottom corner of Westfield Park and the path leading down Christchurch meadows that would probably be more effective.
7) Comment	I support that a crossing should be made from Christchurch meadows to Westfield park. However, not with where the crossing is currently proposed in these plans. The crossing should go directly from the path coming out of Christchurch meadow to path leading to Westfield park. Having the crossing where it's proposed is no better than the traffic lights which are further down near the chippy which no one uses.
8) Comment	This has been needed for a long time. I would suggest that the footpath that goes from Gosbrook rd to the river footbridge, through Christchurch meadows, also needs to be widened to allow for pedestrians and cyclists. At the moment you have to walk, or cycle, on the grass. Maybe a wider path with a line down the middle for a two way system.
9) Comment	If you stand at this spot at any point in the day you will see a lot of people crossing to get to and from Christchurch meadows. I think it's sensible to install some crossing for pedestrians and cyclists here. If people are going to cross anyway you should try and make it safe. The alternative crossing is either too far away or at the junction where you need to cross 3 pontoons to make the same journey.
10) Comment	So many people cross the road here a crossing is now essential.
11) Comment	Great to see efforts for more cycling infrastructure but it has to be practical and make sense. No one will walk or cycle 20 yards off course to use the crossing, have it aligned with the Christchurch meadows path onto Gosbrook road.
12) Comment	A great idea, need more of these. It's very difficult to cross there. Please make it raised to ensure that drivers slow down. Please make it clear that drivers need to give way to cyclists. Where does the north side of the bike crossing link up to?
13) Comment	There needs to be proof this is a safe option, some cyclist will not slow down when crossing the road to sensible speed and accidents will happen, a lights controlled version would be the solution.
14) Comment	Another crossing between the pedestrian crossing at Elliotts Way and George Street traffic lights will cause chaos. If it had traffic lights then it will probably cause gridlock in Caversham. If there are no traffic controlling lights then it will probably be risky for pedestrians and cyclists alike as some motorists will ignore or jump the lights and school children especially will cross on green not thinking to look for traffic.
15) Comment	The existing crossing at Elliotts Way seems to facilitate the requirements. Adding another crossing between Elliotts Way and the traffic lights at George Street could lead to traffic build up on the approach to this section of Gosbrook Road. This in turn may result in a higher risk of pedestrian & cycle accidents where they try to cross without waiting for priority.
16) Comment	I support in principal. The crossing is needed, however the position is somewhat, over 5m, from the entrance to

	<p>the park, and joining up with shared cycle lanes. Surely it would make more sense to put it closer to the entrance.</p> <p>I can understand the argument of putting it directly at the entrance to the park, as is the case in other parks in London and around the UK, may lead to cyclists less prone to slowing down at the crossing. However having the crossing so far away, for busy commuters, I think will lead to a large number of cyclists and pedestrians not using it at all.</p>
17) Comment	<p>Gosbrook Rd provides a significant barrier to pedestrians and cyclists crossing from the Christchurch Meadows path to Westfield Pk and the northern side of Gosbrook Rd to continue journeys from the Station/Town Centre and riverside onto the eastern parts on Caversham. The existing sitelines mean that pedestrians &amp; cyclists currently need to move onto the carriageway in a dangerous position in order to see oncoming traffic. The proposed crossing should alleviate this. One negative comment: it is not clear why the crossing is not nearer the Christchurch Meadows gate, the proposed position will encourage corner-cutting from Westfield Park and pedestrians will cut across the cycle crossing.</p>
18) Comment	<p>This is long overdue and should prove beneficial for both pedestrians and cyclists.</p>
19) Comment	<p>This is a much needed crossing, nearer where the two parks meet than the existing crossing near the fish and chip shop (however it may not make sense to retain the latter so as not to slow traffic flow unduly). It is therefore where people do actually cross in practice. On a busy road like that, the crossing will be great for both cyclists and pedestrians. However, while that caters for cyclists coming down from Emmer Green (and from the Western half of the Henley Road), it does not provide a safe route for cyclists coming down Hemdean Road, who still have to cross the hazardous Waitrose mini-roundabout (or else take a currently awkward route via the Kebab van) to get to the cyclist/pedestrian bridge over the river.</p>
20) Comment	<p>There is a constant demand for pedestrians to cross at that point and this will provide a new safety route for them. Although it is maybe 50metres from another crossing, I feel that the minor inconvenience to road users (including myself) is outweighed by the benefits.</p>
21) Comment	<p>This junction is dangerous and confusing for pedestrians and cyclists. Clarity is needed on where and when to cross.</p>
22) Comment	<p>I cross here very often, on bike and foot. It is often difficult to get across and I've seen loads of 'near misses'. This will greatly improve the connectivity of the paths through Westfield Park and through Christchurch Meadows to town.</p>
23) Comment	<p>The route is popular with both cyclists and pedestrians so for the safety and convenience of all road users the segregation and provision of a cycle crossing in addition to the pedestrian crossing is desirable.</p>
24) Comment	<p>Been needed for years.</p>
25) Comment	<p>Brilliant idea and it's really needed. Great that it is for both pedestrians &amp; cyclists.</p> <p>But why the dog leg? Cyclists and pedestrians will want to walk straight across from Christchurch Meadow to Westfield Park. It also needs a traffic island halfway or a 20mph speed limit, otherwise it will have the same problem for pedestrians as the zebra crossing in prospect st. When the traffic builds up in Prospect Street</p>

	pedestrians can't often be seen on the crossing. The path in Christchurch Meadow from Gosbrook Road to the small bridge needs widening.
26) Comment	As a commuter that walks, gets the train, and cycles I welcome any crossing that makes it easier on pedestrians and cyclists. For all my connections to Reading station and town centre I have to cross this road. In pre-covid times during rush hour pedestrian commuters would almost have to 'play chicken' with cars to cross the road, and the more aggressive motorist would not allow space for pedestrians even at a standstill. I could imagine for people walking for the school run this was very troublesome. I hope this crossing would allow for more fluid movement of people over this road. Though If I could suggest an improvement to the proposal it would to move the crossing a couple meters closer to the entrance of Christchurch meadow. If you observe people trying to cross here they are either coming from or going into Christchurch meadow placing a crossing inconveniently away from the intended pathway would not encourage people to use it (just like the current traffic light crossing on this road).
27) Comment	Although I support the fact that there should be a crossing here the proposed design is poor and may lead to pedestrian accidents. The designer needs to spend time observing and thinking about potential future problems and mitigating against them from the perspective of the pedestrian / cyclist. At peak times (certainly pre-covid) the West to East Gosbrook Road traffic is often stationary and backed up to this point of Gosbrook Road. At peak times the East to West traffic is generally free flowing and up to speed (30+mph). If the West to East traffic is stationary and a pedestrian travelling North to South steps onto the crossing there will be times when they will not be visible to East West traffic on Gosbrook road (they can be obscured from the East to West traffic by the stationary queue of West to East traffic on Gosbrook road). There are many more vans and high SUV type cars on our roads these days which obscure visibility of pedestrians. This means a pedestrian could be halfway across the road on the crossing before being spotted at the last minute by East to West traffic because the pedestrian has been obscured by stationary West to East traffic. Ideally a pedestrian needs to know that they have been spotted by traffic from both directions and can see that the traffic is slowing before stepping out. This needs a rethink. This crossing either has to be controlled by lights (with timing in favour of pedestrians such that the lights stops the traffic very quickly after a button press as per the crossing outside of the library in Church Street) to enforce traffic stopping or you have to create and guarantee a clear sight line such that the East to West traffic can always see from a considerable distance that someone is stepping out to travel North to South on the pedestrian crossing. If you want an example of the potential problems then go and observe the crossing in Prospect Street at peak times when the North to South traffic is backed up Prospect Street past the crossing (from the Church Street roundabout). You can see that people crossing East to West on the pedestrian crossing often have to pause mid way across the crossing to make sure that they have been seen by traffic travelling South to North up Prospect Street as the pedestrians on the crossing can be obscured by the stationary North to South traffic queue.
28) Comment	Common sense to put some form of pedestrian crossing here given foot flow.
29) Comment	Many people used to cross here and volumes have increased since the pedestrian bridge was built making this a



	main route to and from the station and the town centre.
30) Comment	There are already 2 crossing points close to the proposed one only approx. 150m apart , One at the crossroads with Gosbrook Road and George Street and the other on the corner of Gosbrook Road with Elliots Way. To have 3 crossings within 150m of each other is not suited to the other traffic which uses this route including public transport. What mitigation is there for cyclists to stop and look for traffic before just blindly crossing. The majority will, but the minority will cause accidents. Common sense should prevail and either traffic lights need to be installed in conjunction with the removal of one of the other crossings (would recommend the one at the corner of Gosbrook Road and Elliots Way with the rephasing of new traffic lights to coincide with the main lights at Gosbrook Road and George Street to keep the traffic flowing).
31) Comment	This crossing is along a well used cycle and pedestrian route from central Caversham and Emmer Green towards the pedestrian and cycle bridge on the river, to the station, to central Reading and beyond. I personally cross this road frequently on both foot and bicycle and have observed several near misses. Vehicular traffic along this stretch can easily reach 30mph making it a tricky crossing. There is a nearby crossing but it not near the natural flow of pedestrian traffic and is therefore rarely used when crossing for those going towards Christchurch meadows. A crossing here is long overdue and will be a welcome safety feature for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.
32) Comment	This should replace the Elliotts way crossing.
33) Comment	My only comment is that this should replace the Elliots Way crossing as it is 2 crossings too close. This is the crossing that should have been put in years ago when Elliots Way crossing was put in too far down the road.
34) Comment	Move closer to Westfield Park path.
35) Comment	My commute to work requires me to cross Gosbrook Rd twice a day and it is a treacherous crossing for pedestrians. We also have a very young child who we take to the Park in Christchurch Meadows and crossing this road is very nerve wracking. There is a blind spot/lack of visibility of the traffic when coming out of Christchurch Meadows up towards Westfield Park. Given the proximity to two schools, two playgrounds, and the sheer number of people and children who cross this point into/from Christchurch Meadows, is staggering how a pedestrian zebra crossing has not been implemented Here already. I am absolutely in favour of a zebra/tiger crossing being implemented here. As soon as possible.
36) Comment	This will make the main cycle and walking route into reading safer. It should have been. With 2 schools also a short distance away as well. This will make many journeys for me and my family safer.
37) Comment	Gosbrook Road is a tricky road to cross as a pedestrian and cyclist so I support this idea wholeheartedly.
38) Comment	I often cycle there and cross the road in that area, so it will be an easier way to cross over.
39) Comment	This is a frequently used crossing site for bikes & pedestrians and it makes complete sense to put a proper crossing in to keep people safe.
40) Comment	I like the idea but do wonder if the location is likely to mean people ignore it and just cross directly between Westfield Road recreation ground and Christchurch Meadows as they do now. I guess you don't want people going

	directly onto it without looking for cars but I do wonder if there is another way round that that would allow it to be closer to the natural route people want to take.
41) Comment	<p>First of all can I say I'm very happy with the plan to have a cyclist crossing in that area. Currently the path on Christchurch meadows is very hard to reach from the northern side (west to east lane) so having a safe way to cross on a bicycle would be great, especially with kids. Having said that, I have a few comments suggestions:</p> <p>1) Location: The crossing should be inline with the path Christchurch meadows, as it is human nature for people to use the shortest route. If you move it further west in line with the path it will be used, otherwise it is very likely it will be ignored which is a waste of time, government money and defeats the safety aims..</p> <p>2) Are they going to be traffic lights or a way for cyclist to get priority like peds on a zebra crossing? otherwise the crossing is still fairly pointless..</p> <p>3) finally the path on Christchurch meadows itself.. This is currently a shared use path which is a very unsafe setup. Due to the difference in speed between pedestrians and cyclist it is just as unsafe as cyclists sharing carlanes..probably even more so since there are many small children and dogs without road sense on that path.. not to speak of people with earphones who don't hear what is around themselves..</p> <p>If you look at countries with advanced cycle infrastructure (Netherlands, Denmark etc) you see that there is never ever a mixed use lane as it is not safe and practical to combine movements of 5kph with those of 20-40kph. Thanks in advance for your considerations of these points. I feel that in particular point 1 is an easy fix for little/no extra cost but with major benefits. Perhaps point 3 can be funded with the covif funds that were allocated for the oneway system?</p>
42) Comment	A much needed link for commuters from caversham to reading .
43) Comment	I am pleased that the crossing will also including provision for cyclists as this is a well-used cycle route.
44) Comment	<p>The entrance on the Gosbrook Road to the footpath across Christchurch Meadow has always been well used, from early morning 'til late night. Since the opening of the footbridge in 2015 footfall has grown substantially. At the same time, traffic on the Gosbrook Road has continued at a significant level, with a 30mph limit.</p> <p>The need for a formal or controlled crossing at this point on Gosbrook Road has been clear for a long time and should be accompanied by a 20mph limit.</p>
45) Comment	The crossing could be raised by about 2" to help slow traffic. The zigzag markings should be extended to 8 dashes on the west side. Can the width of the kerb build-out on the south side be widened by about 2m on both sides. No waiting at east to match with zigzags.
46) Comment	<p>I do not think the proposed crossing should be offset as shown on the plan. I think this creates a safety issue. However I do agree with the proposal in principle.</p> <p>The link between the two footpaths should be direct. I believe users may not cross at the crossing when the lights are on stop and will instead take the direct shortcut between cars (if stationary). Also if there is not much traffic, the crossing will be ignored and people will take the direct route as they do now.</p> <p>A traffic island is another consideration and cheaper to install, bearing in mind that there are already two places to cross nearby - Elliott's Close and traffic lights at the junction of George Street.</p>

47) Comment	<p>I strongly support the principle for tiger crossing at this location, it is deeply needed as it is a dangerous crossing at the moment for commuters to the station, school kids and people enjoying the park.</p> <p>However, it must align with the Christchurch meadow path. The current design does not meet pedestrian desire lines and will not be used properly as a result!</p> <p>I understand it was offset from the path to maintain vehicle Access to the park but there are other vehicle access points to the park. This one is redundant. Please reconsider the design to meet the needs of the most vulnerable road users, not motor traffic.</p>
48) Comment	A good addition to improving safety of travel from Caversham into Reading
49) Comment	Gosbrook is a very busy road for cars, pedestrians & bikes. There is definitely a need of pedestrian crossing. But not only between westfield park & christchurch meadow, we also need one further along between St John's road & Coldicutt street.
50) Comment	I fully support the proposed new crossing. Whenever I drive through that route, there are always pedestrians crossing or attempting to cross the road. It is a logical place to link the edge of Westfield Park with the entrance to Caversham Meadows and a direct route from there to the footbridge across the Thames.
51) Comment	Why are you even considering this crossing when there is a crossing literally about 20m away already. If your goal is to mess up the roads and spend our money unnecessarily this is perfect! Instead of wasting time and money on this frankly idiotic idea consider a pedestrian crossing where Henley road meets peppard and westfield roads where it is actually needed.
52) Comment	I use the route across Christchurch Meadows often and would appreciate a safe place to cross Gosbrook Road.
53) Comment	Lots of from Henley road and south view avenue cycle to station and use this route. It would be great to introduce a crossing at the proposed place.
54) Comment	This will help pedestrians and cyclists to move safely between parts of Caversham North of Gosbrook Road and the centre of Reading via Christchurch Bridge, improving safety, health and environmental conditions. Any delay or other inconvenience to traffic on Gosbrook Road is an acceptable price.
55) Comment	<p>I cross the Gosbrook Road from Westfield Park to Christchurch Meadows every day when walking my dog. Before the lockdown, I also used to cross here on my way to Reading Station to go to work in Oxford. I was very pleased to hear that there was to be a crossing at the entrance to Christchurch Meadows as since the wonderful Christchurch Bridge was built this has become a very popular route with pedestrians and cyclists. But, the problem is that you are proposing that the crossing is installed NOT at the entrance to Christchurch Meadows or at the path into Westfield Park, but around 15metres to the east of that path. Most people will not walk the distance on each side of the road in order to cross using the tiger crossing. If cyclists were to use this crossing they would need to cycle on the pavement on each side of the road to reach it. A crossing is needed on the Gosbrook Road, but it needs to connect with the entrances to Christchurch Meadows and Westfield Park. If a tiger crossing cannot be installed where it is needed, can a more informal crossing, such as a painted road surface with an island in the middle of the road, be made there instead?</p>

56) Comment	It's a great idea. I cycle in that area and it will help in crossing over.
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