

## Caversham Primary School Zebra Crossing: Results of Statutory Consultation, Appendix 1

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	Objections/support/comments received.
	Summary of responses: Objections - 15, Support - 47, Comment - 1
1) Support	No comments provided
2) Support	Great. Difficult place to cross the road. Would Make it better. Please also consider one to cross Oakley Road.
3) Object	<p>1. Has a pedestrian count been done along with likely future projected numbers, given that the Caversham Primary school catchment area for this corner of Caversham Heights will include the new site of The Heights Primary in the opposite direction at MPF?</p> <p>2. How many Highdown students currently use this exact spot to cross Kidmore Rd?</p> <p>3. Given that the narrow pavement on the western side of Kidmore Road between Highmoor Rd and number 55 Kidmore Rd is barely useable safely, most people would be likely to use the eastern side pavement and consequently wouldn't need the proposed crossing at this exact spot unless crossing into Oakley Road.</p> <p>4. As this point was previously controlled with a "lollipop person", how has that experience contributed to the location decision?</p> <p>5. Has the option of siting the crossing between the northern pavements of Kidmore Road, where the wider eastern pavement is used by parked cars and visibility is better?</p>
4) Support	Easier and safer for people crossing the road
5) Support	<p>This is a dangerous crossing, especially for children on route to school, and needs more than a lollipop lady at certain times of day/days of the week/school times only.</p> <p>The proposal looks good, but why does right turn down Oakley road hill need to be removed? We live on Oakley road (top half), and to go down the hill part of Oakley road, frequently drive around the block, emerging onto Kidmore Road from Highmoor road, in order to turn right down Oakley road hill. This avoids having to pull out of Oakley road directly and cross Kidmore road, which is a difficult junction in a car. With the changes proposed, we would have to revert to driving directly out of Oakley road, across Kidmore road, which is more dangerous</p>
6) Support	No comments provided
7) Support	This junction is dangerous. Lot of vehicles use both Kidmore Road and Oakley Road going straight on and turning from one to the other. A zebra crossing might slow traffic. It might also allow the Oakley Road traffic to exit that

	road more easily.
8) Object	Stick with lollipop for school times. As for motorist the general sighting at junction isn't great if kids think they can just cross. Plus already a bit of courtesy goes on at junction as to who is going to cross first. Zebra crossing on Woodcote Road for the Heights school would be a better road if this is council's stated principles.
9) Object	Stick with lollipop assisted crossing. Be very careful messing with roads north of rivet. Slightest change and very visible impact. When traffic lights near Shepherds Lane a while ago very noticeable "rat running" down Albert Rd & Kidmore Rd rather than wait and stick to main A road. If you think drivers won't swap to Albert / Conisbro Road then you are mistaken!
10) Object	Crossing at the junction of Oakley Road and Hemdean road at the bottom of the hill would be more beneficial. Access fro Oakeley Road to Kidmore Road is difficult with the additional hazard of crossing at this junction.
11) Support	This junction has always been dangerous and has prevented me letting my children go out alone if they need to cross this junction.
12) Support	This junction has always been dangerous and has prevented me letting my children go out alone if they need to cross this junction.
13) Support	The crossing at kidmore and Oakley is a four way junction and can be very difficult to cross. This road is on one of the main walking routes to Caversham primary and a safe crossing would benefit those on the school run as well as the general public.
14) Support	This is needed desperately. Cars go so fast and the junction is very bad to navigate in the morning for the school run. Additional traffic calming is needed on this street as traffic is now being diverted from Woodcote road making Kidmore road even busier
15) Support	This will be a valuable addition to the road landscape, particularly for children crossing outside of the times when the lollipop lady is on duty. This is likely to benefit children walking to Highdown, as well as Caversham Primary and also other local routes, including other school buses. Trying to cross this road, without the support of the lollipop lady is challenging and this has been particularly so during the times that she has had to isolate over the last year and when children are walking back later eg after after school club
16) Object	No comments provided
17) Support	Great positive step. Unaccompanied children's parents will be very pleased. Thank you RBC from a parent.
18) Support	Very much needed. We live locally and it's life-threatening to attempt crossing Kidmore Rd there. What's even more needed is the same on Rotherfield Way - literally hundreds of Highdown pupils risk life and limb daily trying to reach school.
19) Support	This is a great idea and welcomed by parents of both the primary and secondary schools.
20) Support	Children use this route to walk to school
21) Support	That road is horrendous to cross at the moment as there is traffic coming from 4 directions - it usually requires a kind person to stop and let us across. It is the biggest reason I get nervous about my [REDACTED] year old going to the park on his own. I would strongly support a crossing there to make it safer for everyone.

22) Support	This is a busy junction and awkward to cross, especially for children. Sight lines are not always clear due to parked cars. I think a zebra crossing would make it much safer for pedestrians walking to and from school as well as at other times during the day.
23) Support	I often cross Kidmore Re at that junction with my young child and a zebra crossing would definitely make things easier and safer.
24) Support	This has always been a difficult junction so I fully support
25) Support	I used to live at number [REDACTED] Oakley road and we had Extreme difficulty crossing Kidmore Road to take our three children to school. We support the zebra crossing as many of our friends said that the reason they drove their children to school was that it was dangerous for the children to cross Kidmore Road Oakley Road junction. We believe it is important to provide controlled crossings to help support children walking to school for healthy active lifestyle and to get cars off the road to improve air quality and reduce congestion and risk of collisions and serious accidents. With the pandemic we have seen many children have stayed in the house and not had any exercise and become deconditioned as a result therefore to promote a crossing like this where children can independently walk to school or parents can walk with them and feel safe is very important to promote a healthy healthy and active lifestyle. Please approve this crossing.
26) Support	This should have been done long ago. And an additional zebra crossing is needed near the junction Kidmore Road/Richmond Road fir families to cross the road and access Albert Road Park
27) Support	The crossing gets very crowded at school times. It's also a dangerous junction and cars will hopefully take more care if there's a zebra crossing
28) Support	Families with young kids cross this junction every day to access school, pre-school, play groups etc. which also happens to be during the rush hours. This junction is very busy and challenging to cross even for adults alone. The zebra crossing will add awareness to drivers to give way to children crossing the junction.
29) Support	Will enable safer crossing for children walking to school. And also slow drivers down who use it as a rat run.
30) Support	This will help children and adults to safely cross the roads as unfortunately cars are often speeding.
31) Support	support: this junction is dangerous to cross, especially when you have young children. a crossing would make it safer
32) Object	The route to Caversham Primary is adequately covered by the presence of a lollipop lady at key times. Other than the route to school, there's no need for a crossing, given the relatively low level of traffic and of pedestrians. Given the council's limited resources, a new zebra crossing should be placed elsewhere, perhaps on Rotherfield Way for routes to Highdown School.
33) Support	Common sense.
34) Support	There normally are some vehicles in this vicinity whose owners thinks it's okay to park on and block the pavement. This causes issues if you want to walk along, sometimes forcing you to walk on the road. Hopefully the zebra crossing markings will now prevent this illegal driving on to the pavement? This issue needs to be considered possibly using barriers to stop pavement driving?
35) Object	That junction is so very dangerous it needs a manned system or traffic lights. Not Zebra crossing that some drivers

	will ignore as they already ignore the lollypop lady.
36) Support	In addition, the Kidmore Rd/Oakley Rd crossroads should be Give Way for Kidmore Rd drivers. Just like the Albert Rd/Highmoor Rd crossroads. Also, there should be another Zebra crossing in Oakley Rd going east, because nearly everyone walking south along Kidmore Rd are on its east side and will cross Oakley Rd to carry on along Kidmore Rd or go east down Oakley Rd, where they will cross it lower down. Crossing Oakley Rd is difficult and dangerous at that junction, because there are always cars queuing to get on to Kidmore Rd. Also, many cars going south along Kidmore Rd turn left into Oakley Rd, because it is a busy rat run, which avoids St Peters Hill and Caversham centre. In spite of the Highway Code rules, few drivers give way to pedestrians at junctions they are turning into.
37) Support	Child safety at a busy and hazardous junction. The road needs to be crossed every day by many children who attend Caversham Primary.
38) Support	Very busy road, kids( and Adults) struggle to cross it especially during school term.
39) Object	<p>I support the provision of a crossing BUT object to the narrowing of the road lanes at that point in Kidmore Road. The road is already narrow and further narrowing will result in higher risk of vehicle accidents. The addition of cross hatching is of uncertain value as, IF observed will result in tradesmen parking further down the road causing obstruction nearer to the junction with Highmoor Road.</p> <p>I would propose the build out of the kerb is replaced by Treef kerbs (with a lowered area at the crossing) to provide some protection to pedestrians waiting on the east side of Kidmore Road. Further the compulsory removal of trees and shrubs overhanging the pavement for 50 metres along all branches of the junction to improve line of sight to motorists and pedestrians waiting to cross.</p>
40) Object	<p>Whilst in principle I am in support of the zebra crossing in order to make it safer for children at the local primary and secondary schools to cross the road, I do have an objection.</p> <p>The zebra crossing is [REDACTED] and I'm concerned about the light pollution. I understand that the lights on a zebra crossing have to be on 24 hours a day. I appreciate they'll be hooded, but that still means that the one on the opposite side of the road will be flashing [REDACTED]. If there's any way that the lights can just be operational up to 11pm, that would be preferable as there are unlikely to be people using the zebra crossing during the night.</p>
41) Support	No comments provided
42) Object	The junction is extremely busy and if it is as close as planned to the junction ( it should be atleast 18metres away from it according to the highways agency guidance ) large traffic jams will be caused throughout the day. This could seriously impact the air quality which is opposite to the aim of the crossing, to keep young children safe. I believe a solution is necessary and think that a zebra crossing is a good idea, but surely it should be further away from the junction in order to keep people safe as well as avoid excessively impacting motorists .
43) Support	[REDACTED], finds this a very stressful and difficult crossing during [REDACTED] walk to and from school with [REDACTED]. I would prefer traffic light control with crossing areas personally since this is a difficult junction to negotiate as a driver but, this is better than nothing. I once watched a car drive straight over the junction at speed which was very scary.
44) Support	I fully support the proposal and wholeheartedly endorse its aims of enabling better use of the area by pedestrians.

	This is important not just for road safety, but for Reading's climate goals.
45) Object	<p>I live in [REDACTED] Kidmore Road, which is the house [REDACTED]. The crossing buildout starts next to [REDACTED] and extends down the length of [REDACTED]. Although I support the idea of a crossing in principle, I have a couple of reservations about the proposal.</p> <p>1. Access to our drive: [REDACTED] However, with the proposed buildout of the crossing where it is, that would become physically impossible. Even without the build out, we would need to pull up on the zebra crossing, which would be dangerous and illegal. [REDACTED]. However, with the proposed zig zags covering this area, again this would become dangerous and illegal. In a situation where [REDACTED] while someone then crossed on the zebra, and an accident occurred, we would be liable. Therefore, with the proposed position, it seems to make it impossible to use our drive safely or legally.</p> <p>2. Light pollution: The proposed location means that the belisha beacons will be directly outside [REDACTED]. As the beacons on a zebra crossing have to be on 24 hours a day, this will mean flashing light pollution [REDACTED] all night. I understand the beacons will be hooded, but looking at the standard design of hood, this is not going to stop all of the light from escaping. Considering that the main purpose of the new crossing is to replace the lollipop lady on the school run, it seems unnecessary to have 24hr flashing lights. The existing lollipop crossing has flashing lights that are turned on and off during the school run, which seems to be much more appropriate.</p>
46) Support	As a resident of Kidmore Road, not far from the Oakley Road junction, I support this proposal. Much of the traffic on Kidmore Road travels well in excess of the 30mph speed limit at all times of day. There are no speed cameras on Kidmore Road and the narrow speed bumps are straddled by most modern cars, so there is no deterrent to prevent speeding which endangers pedestrians in a residential area. As well as providing a crossing point to aid walking to Caversham Primary School, the proposal will hopefully deter speeding (although it is not enough and more needs to be done such as the installation of a speed camera or changes to the road layout). In addition, if this proposal is not approved, traffic travelling to/from Reading is likely to divert from the A4074 Woodcote Way to avoid the new crossing (for the Heights Primary School) and speed cameras. The addition of a crossing on Kidmore Road might maintain the current balance of traffic between the two roads.
47) Support	A good addition but frankly window dressing to the fact that the heights residential area contains far too much traffic and should be an LTN. Rotherfield Way/Oakley Road and Kidmore Road should not be through routes and filtered.
48) Support	All school children living in catchment area of their local school should have a safe route to walk to school and all major and most minor roads should have a safe crossing point that they can cross.
49) Support	No comments provided
50) Object	It will become impossible for cars to drive along during school drop off and pickup times. The lollipop person is best, as they allow the children to cross safely, forcing cars to stop and also make the pedestrians wait in groups so that the traffic doesn't build up too much.

51) Support	No comments provided
52) Support	I would support this. The road can be very busy around school times and a permanent crossing is much needed.
53) Object	This is only really applicable during term time and the lollipop person is adequate who is currently there. The junction is difficult enough arriving up the hill without the distraction of a zebra crossing. Also the houses opposite the crossing will be subject to flashing amber lights at all times and this will also be a hazard at night for the crossroads. Accident waiting to happen if you install here. You would be better installing this at the junction with Kidmore rd and Highmoor road and sort out the corner which you also can't see around which would then have a positive impact for both the zebra crossing and vehicles exiting this junction.
54) Support	Currently the Junction is a dangerous place to cross the road. The proposal may improve things though one assumes it will replace existing costing patrol at school times A better solution would be to fully signal the junction with a pedestrian phase.
55) Support	No comments provided
56) Support	We support the proposal put forward, however are somewhat concerned that with where it's proposed to be positioned and the volume of traffic that has increased since the start of the Covid pandemic and the speed that a majority of the traffic that are using Kidmore Road as a 'Rat Run' and void of any speed cameras that there is a potential accident waiting to happen.
57) Support	I think this is needed. I frequently see people having difficulty crossing Kidmore Road. Secondary school children also need to cross there, and not necessarily at times when the Lollipop Lady is there. If it goes ahead, I hope she does not lose her job - can she be found another role.
58) Support	My support is on the basis that the lollipop lady is retained. It would be more dangerous for schoolchildren if she were to be simply replaced by the zebra crossing. Also, there should be more traffic calming measures - e.g. 20 mph zone - I live on Kidmore Rd and would be personally affected, but people drive too fast on this road (the speed bumps are largely ineffective).
59) Support	No comments provided
60) Support	This road has become overused by Oxfordshire rat runners and the speeds along the road are excessive. This crossing will help to reduce speeds, and make it safer for pedestrians to cross. My observation is that there needs to be a second crossing across Oakley Road, east of Kidmore Road, to facilitate foot traffic coming from along the northern stretch of Kidmore Road. Oakley Road crossroads is very dangerous to cross when walking south along Kidmore road east side.
61) Object	I believe that the proposed location of the zebra crossing is too close to the junction of Oakley and Kidmore Roads and should be moved further away from the junction. 1. The top of Oakley Road hill where it meets the junction with Kidmore Road is where busses to schools (Gillots, Blue Coats and others) stop to pick-up and drop off children. The buses can be stationary for a couple of minutes. This backs up traffic on Kidmore and having a zebra crossing so close to the junction will cause significant congestion and not be safe for Caversham Primary children when they are going to and from school. 2. The Oakley/Kidmore junction is not safe at the best of times. Every day there are near misses and normally

	<p>collisions of cars every month or so. Drivers turning off of Oakley Road (east and west) tend to accelerate out onto Kidmore Road to ensure they keep their distance from cars travelling on Kidmore. Having a zebra crossing so close to that junction will mean that drivers focussing on accelerating onto Kidmore Road will not be focussed on the zebra crossing as early as they would if it was further from the junction.</p> <p>Hence we would strongly recommend that the zebra crossing is relocated to between [REDACTED] Kidmore Road or further south if possible.</p> <p>We would also ask if it possible for the flashing lights on the zebra crossing to be turned off overnight. I recognise that they will be shrouded however the reality is that flashing lights will still disturb sleep for nearby residents.</p>
62) Object	<p>I would like to register my objections to the proposed zebra crossing at the junction of Kidmore Road/Oakley Road. Firstly the position of this crossing, traffic from Oakley Road making a left turn onto Kidmore Rd, will turn a blind corner to find themselves immediately on top of the crossing. Even with traffic moving at a slow speed this is extremely dangerous and considering the speed which many cars, vans and increasingly H.G.V.S make this turn it is nothing short of suicidal. Add to this the traffic speeding down Kidmore Road it creates an unnecessary hazard. Secondly, householders on the even no's side of Kidmore Road keep their cars off the road and would like to get back onto the road without taking our lives into our hands each times, as well as the lives of the crossing users. Please could you keep us in informed of any further developments and decisions made in this matter.</p>
63) Comment from TVP	<p>Thank you for the consultation documents relating to the proposed zebra crossing in Kidmore Road, Caversham, 18m south of its junction with Oakley Road.</p> <p>I have visited the proposed location and note that there appears to be a good view in both directions from the proposed crossing however, foliage from [REDACTED] Kidmore Road, a residential property [REDACTED] has grown over the highway boundary which will restrict pedestrian movement from the junction to the crossing. This is the same on the south eastern side of Oakley Road on the approach to the junction with Kidmore Road. I presume that Reading Borough Council have plans to ensure foliage is cleared along these lengths of footway to ensure that pedestrians who walk to and from the crossing are not forced to step into the carriageway to pass each other on any arm of the junction?</p> <p>I also noticed that road safety messaging is covered by foliage both in Kidmore Road on the northern side of the junction and the eastern section of Oakley Road. Both signs appear to be Kill Your Speed signs which are important road safety signs. Can these also be cleared of vegetation please.</p> <p>It is for the highway authority to ensure that the proposed crossing meets all current DfT guidance for the positioning and design of zebra crossings. Thames Valley Police will not object to this proposal.</p>