

Appendix 2 - RESULTS OF THE STATUTORY CONSULTATION: UPPER REDLANDS ROAD ZEBRA CROSSING

8 OBJECTIONS SUPPORTS	COMMENTS
1. Support	About time, this is a very needed safe crossing point for all pedestrians.
2. Support	We desperately need more zebra crossings in the area as car traffic makes it difficult to cross Alexandra Road and drivers are inconsiderate and any extra difficulty added to their lives is a bonus. If you can also find a way to make the first crossroads on up Alexandra Road actually crossable I will be forever grateful. Power to the pedestrian.
3. Support	To make a safe crossing parking on the Upper Redlands Road between St Joseph's school and Alexandra Road needs to be removed and the parking of St Joseph school buses(why was that granted!!!) - if one car or one bus is parked traffic can't flow and then it's more dangerous to cross . The other problem is speeding - few adhere to 20 mph which is especially crucial when children are going to the 3 schools in just that small area
4. Support	Attending this school for 5 years, I felt unsafe crossing this road. combined with the cars and coaches that park along this road outside the school, it makes it very difficult to see cars coming along the road and to cross safely.
5. Support	It's a must. Rather than wasting our funds on useless cycling paths along Shinfield road, spend it on such a basic safety measure.
6. Support	I support the proposals. I wish this crossing was implemented many years ago. It would have enabled my daughter, who was a student at St Joseph College then, to cross Upper Redlands Road without danger and reach a bus stop on the A327 Shinfield Road to go back to our home from school.
7. Support	At the start and end of the school day the road is very busy and congested and it can be very tricky for children to cross the road safely.
8. Support	
9. Support	I regularly use Upper Redlands Road and in the morning and afternoons the area around the school is always congested with traffic with pupils struggling to cross the road safely. It never made any sense to me that this was 1 of the very schools that I'm aware of that does not have a pedestrian crossing on an extremely congested road.
10. Support	This road is very dangerous at school pick up times and cars often overtake on the wrong side of the road to avoid waiting. I think the zig zag lines will be just as important and the crossing itself.
11. Support	
12. Support	Enhancing the safety of crossings will significantly benefit both the children attending St Joseph's College and the students from the University of Reading.
13. Support	Highly dangerous for anyone crossing the road to or from St Joseph's College school. Drivers pulling out behind traffic to beat oncoming traffic for example. The crossing needs to be near the school not by the crossroads as people swing round corners (not long ago the was a drug drive fatality around this area). Anyone who does this route would be mad to consider the crossing along by the crossroads and away from the school as suitable.
14. Support	Upper Redlands Road, although quiet at some times of day, can get gridlocked with parked vehicles, busses and through traffic meaning crossing the road is hazardous for anyone. I believe it is only a matter of time before someone is injured, or worse. I would be glad to see the installation of a safe crossing which will benefit families, school children, university students and local residents.
15. Support	Would make it safer for my children to cross the road to and from school, they attend st Joseph's, it's particularly dangerous to cross at the start and end of school day.
16. Support	My sister goes to St Joseph's, and if I walk with her to school in the morning there is no safe place to cross. It is frustrating, especially considering people race around corners and are less cautious of safety when in such a rush.
17. Support	It is extremely dangerous trying to cross this road at school drop off times. This means that as a parent I feel compelled to drop my children off on school grounds. If there was a safe crossing point I could drop my children further from school and they could walk the rest of the way themselves. This not only offers a safe crossing, but will help ease congestion around school drop off times.
18. Support	It is absolutely necessary for a zebra crossing because of the school and the halls situated across from the school making it dangerous for everyone to cross the street.
19. Support	I fully support a crossing on this road as there is currently no safe place for children from multiple local schools to cross in order to reach the bus stops located in reading university. This will make the use of public transport /walking and cycling so much safer for local children and adults a like.
20. Object	I object as the issue is not to have a zebra crossing in Upper Redlands Road but to close the road ie: 8am to 8.15am to allow everyone been dropped at the school - Pick up time varies due to the after school activities but could be closed from 3.30 to 4pm or 3.45pm

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	Having a pedestrian crossed will be a nightmare as there are cars /buses, parked on the road (school side) and a zebra crossed will hold both ways traffic making none to be able to move . Parking could be remove? Street is fine rest of the time - it's only school hours and if anyone drives sometime there will understand that a pedestrian crossing will not help but will increase the traffic issues at school drop/pick up times only . Many thanks
21. Support	You could do more in the overall junction area than just the one zebra. It is extremely busy at school drop off and pick up times. Cars frequently drive at excessive speeds in the whole crossroads area of Elmhurst, Alexandra and Upper Redlands Rds. The junction turning left from Upper Redlands to Elmhurst is a wide bend not a sharp turn, which leads to cars turning at excessive speed and a lot of near misses with pedestrians crossing Elmhurst Road. It would be easy to square off that turn, to force cars to slow down.
22. Object	This will only work if you get rid of the parking on upper Redlands Road outside st josephs playing field Where is the transport survey to support the proposed crossing? The crossing with the current issues of parking on the road preventing traffic flow will be hampered by the crossing and I can see an incident occurring
23. Support	Children need to be able to cross the street safely and right now it is very dangerous. It is obvious the zebra crossing will provide children and general pedestrians a safe route to the school and the University
24. Support	It is Needed. The current conditions to cross the high traffic street are very unsafe
25. Support	I support this long over due crossing. A safe crossing point at or near a very busy junction, school entrance, University. This will also provide parents with option to allow their children to walk to school from further away as a safe walking route will be available
26. Support	
27. Object	By placing a pedestrian crossing here, it will create more traffic than there already is in the area during school drop off and pick up times.
28. Support	All that can be done to make things safer for pedestrians is a good thing.
29. Support	Excellent. This is such a long time coming. The current situation is very dangerous. This really could save a child's life
30. Support	
31. Support	This crossing is very much needed. Many children have to cross between the cars in the morning which is really difficult for them and unsafe, so this would much improve matters and give children a safe place to cross.
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33. Support	My daughter attend St Joseph's College so I am regularly frequenting the vicinity; there needs to be safe place to cross the road for students at the college, university students and residents too. I often see students waiting to find a suitable clearing to cross for prolonged periods of time.
34. Support	Wholeheartedly support this proposal. At the start and end of the school day it is difficult to cross the road.
35. Support	It's such an impossible road to cross for children at school time. It's a vital crossing to add to keep children safe travelling to all the local schools.
36. Support	Lots of school children try to cross here it will encourage more to cycle and walk.
37. Support	Children from St Joseph's College would benefit from a safe crossing outside their school. The crossing beyond the Elmhurst crossroad is not used as it is too far up the road. University students may also use the crossing as they cut through the church frequently.
38. Support	This road has long needed a crossing. It is outside a school and the speed bumps do nothing to slow cars down. There is nowhere safe to cross.
39. Object	I walk this road daily, as my child attends St Joseph's School. I've also traveled along this road daily since 1994. The crossing is in entirely the wrong location. There is already another crossing on Upper Redlands Road 65 metres away. I suspect the person who designed this has never actually visited the site. And especially not between 0800 - 0820 and 1535 - 1550. The majority of University students crossing Upper Redlands Road do so directly after exiting the alleyway alongside St William of York Church on the OTHER SIDE of St Joseph's School OR they cross at the roundabout joining Whiteknights Road with Eastern Avenue, since this is where the public bus stops are located. Crossing at this roundabout has become particularly dangerous since Reading Borough Council extended the resident's parking bays on both sides of Upper Redlands Road towards the roundabout, in addition

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	<p>to the extraordinary amount of traffic using Whiteknights Road as a rat-run to avoid Wokingham Road. The new crossing needs to be at the EASTERN END of Upper Redlands Road to serve the vast majority of foot traffic. A simple survey of the foot traffic would inform one of such. Additionally, turning from Alexandra Road to Upper Redlands Road heading east is a blind corner due to the incline, you would then be turning directly into a pedestrian crossing with no visibility.</p>
40. Support	<p>The proposed pedestrian crossing would provide a safe crossing place for pupils and parents from St Joseph's College, students from the University of Reading, and the wider community, including those from nearby Redlands Primary school and Maiden Erleigh School. This crossing is a key component of a wider street safety, traffic flow and environmental initiative, in which both St Joseph's College and the University of Reading are involved. Once the crossing is in place, there is a safe way for pupils to reach the college. This will in turn enable more parents to park further away from school, safe in the knowledge that their children can safely reach school using the crossing. This will reduce the severe and daily traffic congestion in front of St Joseph's College every day of term from 8:00-8:20 AM and 3:00-4:00 PM, which causes spill-over congestion onto Upper Redlands Road Alexandra Road and as far back as Hamilton Road. It also improves air quality between St Joseph's college and the UoR residential halls. It will encourage more pupils and parents to walk, scoot or cycle to school.</p>
41. Support	<p>There is currently no safe place to cross this busy section of road</p>
42. Support	<p>We need a safe place to cross this busy section of the street. It will support more walking to school and encourage more parents to let their children walk the last section of the route to school, reducing traffic in this area</p>
43. Support	<p>My son was hit by car on his school at St Joseph. This happened at front of school. I believe having zebra cross will eliminate the risks. St Joseph is school like other schools and children should be protected.</p>
44. Support	<p>It would be much safer for pupils, especially the younger ones to cross the road, unlike currently, it is risky for them to do so</p>
45. Support	<p>We need a zebra crossing there because it's f lots in f children crossing every day and cars going well over the speed limit</p>
46. Support	<p>It is must ti have zebra crossing for the students and community</p>
47. Support	<p>The road is currently unsafe to cross and has a lot of traffic</p>
48. Support	<p>My children walk to school on this route and i walk to work at university and there is no safe place to cross and we have many near misses with impatient or careless drivers. The implementation of this crossing is desperately needed to keep our family safe.</p>
49. Support	<p>This crossing is important to create a safer route to school.</p>
50. Support	
51. Support	<p>A crossing at the Upper Redlands Road is necessary. The number of children attending St Joseph's College and students from the University of Reading is very high. On a daily basis, the traffic on tge road is constant and during entrance and end of school times, it is very busy and can become dangerous for tge students to cross.</p>
52. Support	<p>I support this project since my daughter uses this path daily.</p>
53. Support	<p>My daughter uses the crossing daily twice onbher way to school. I take my youngest 3 children twice a week through the same route and I find the crossing quite challenging specially on peak (or rush) hours.</p>
54. Support	<p>I support. We cross this road with my child and every morning it is crowdw with parents cars, they are too busy to notice us.</p>
55. Support	<p>I fully support the proposal. I have been taking my son to st Joseph's for the last 7 years. Upper Redlands Road around the school is so dangerous to cross. A crossing has been needed for such a long time.</p>
56. Support	<p>I support it by 100% for the safety of our children and other pedestrians. This will even reduce congestion in school parking during drop off/pick up,, as most parents opt to drop/pick their children inside school, as they're not sure about the safety of children if dropped off somewhere where they've to cross the road; but if there's zebra crossing parents can let their children walk to school in peace. As you're aware of, a child has been hit by the car in Upper Redlands road, while crossing; Thank God, there was no massive damage. So, zebra crossing; "YES PLEASE".</p>

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	<p>“Prevention is better than cure”. Thankyou.</p>
57. Support	<p>The zebra crossing would provide a safe, useful way for students from St Joseph’s school to get to the University of Reading without impeding the convenience and safety of drivers at the junction, as the gap between is adequate. However, the relocation of the bus stop seems to block the view and convenience of many drivers due to the limited space, so I believe this should be reconsidered.</p>
58. Object	<p>The main problem lies within the relocation of the bus stop, where it would increase congestion for vehicles moving in, out and around St Joseph's exit and entrance due to an added obstacle of a bus or a coach. Additionally, when a bus stops there, it decreases visibility to vehicles exiting the school, which could be a potential danger. The zebra crossing makes the junction, which is already a difficult junction to navigate, even harder to turn into, and is possibly unnecessary as there are other safe crossings nearby, with 2 other zebra crossings in close proximity. Because of the zebra crossing being so near to the complicated junction, it doesn't allow sufficient reaction time for the drivers to slow for people using the crossing.</p>
59. Support	<p>Having a zebra crossing near St.Joseph's college's main gate is much safer for those young children cross the road to and out of the school</p>
60. Support	<p>St Joseph’s college use facilities at the university it makes good sense to provide a safe place to cross for pupils and local residents and students.</p>
61. Support	<p>It is necessary to increase the safety crossing the road, specifically for the kids in the area.</p>
62. Support	<p>It would be fantastic to have a safe place to cross Upper Redlands Road. We live locally and our children attend St Joseph’s College.</p>
63. Support	<p>It is a good proposal to provide safe journey for number of pedestrians including g small children</p>
64. Support	
65. Support	<p>I support having a zebra crossing on Upper Redlands Road for the safety of our school children who school nearby. This will come as a huge relief for us, parents, especially during the peak periods during drop offs and collections.</p>
66. Support	<p>I support the proposal because it’s safer for children and vulnerable parents.</p>
67. Support	<p>I totally support it. It will be safer for the families and children to cross on that busy road.</p>
68. Support	<p>I cross Upper Redlands Road Monday to Friday with my children in the morning and it is really busy and it is dangerous to cross. Everyday we have to run across. Often due to the traffic it is difficult to see if it is safe to cross. The crossing point is really important to improve safety.</p>
69. Support	<p>Full support from me! If we are to encourage our children to walk to school, promoting healthy lifestyles and easing local traffic, then we should do this knowing that the children have a safe passage across the key busy roads like this one outside the school.</p>
70. Support	<p>I fully support the zebra crossing. Everyday hundreds of students from the University aswell as St Joseph's cross the road. By having the crossing it will not only improve the air quality and congestion in the area but also allow a much safer and easier journey for the children. Parents will also feel a lot more reassured knowing their children can cross the road more safely. There will also more likely be less traffic in the area as parents will feel more safe about their kids can crossing safely and will most likely park slightly further from the school. Also St Joseph's pupils use the University sports facilities so again having the crossing will make this a lot safer for them.</p>
71. Support	<p>Children who come to school by foot at St Joseph’s need this for safer journeys.</p>
72. Support	<p>This crossing is essential as crossing the road SAFELY currently is impossible.</p>
73. Support	<p>A zebra crossing is a must to help ensure the safety of children n the local schools.</p>
74. Support	<p>This is a busy road, especially around school start/end times. It is also a crossing point for many students going to/from the university and young people going to/from nearby schools (St Jo’s and Redlands). Installing a crossing will make it much easier and safer for all - especially families, children and young adults - to make their daily journeys. And easier for motorists to establish rights of way.</p>
75. Object	<p>I object to the installation of a Zebra Crossing. This is because, frankly. Zebra Crossings are rubbish and are frequently ignored by drivers. I've seen far too many cars come close to hitting pedestrians on Zebra Crossings for me to ever consider supporting them.</p>

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	What's needed is a Pelican Crossing. They are much safer. Stick a red light camera on it so that any vehicle jumping the lights gets a fine/points on their license. Vehicles are much more likely to comply with a red light than a Zebra. Therefore, it is much safer to install a Pelican Crossing. Change the plan to a Pelican Crossing, and that's something I can 100% support.
76. Support	
77. Support	Pupils to a number of local primary schools need a safe crossing on this busy road and students going to reading university and to the local secondary schools, a lot more crossing are need on other roads to encourage people to walk to schools and workplaces and to royal Berkshire hospitial I have no idea how it costs 75 K that sounds like a complete rip off by reading council I amuse who make a profit from building it, but as the councils accounts are such a mess No one will know
78. Support	
79. Support	I support the proposals since I think the result would mean increased safety for pedestrians, along with increased opportunity for crossing the road in a timely way on an important route when walking from the university and surrounding areas towards the town centre, and therefore together encourage active travel in the form of walking and all the attendant benefits that brings to the individual and the community as a whole (reduced traffic, pollution, etc). In a technical sense, the crossing seems appropriately sited.
80. Support	Its a Zebra Crossing ! why have a consultation. ? They are great !
81. Support	Crossing needs a raised table. Drivers never slow appropriately for zebras without raised tables. Don't skimp on it you cheapskates.
82. Support	It is important to tip the balance between motorists and those using active forms of travel away from cars in urban areas by all means possible. It is crazy that pedestrians in area where there are two schools and a university in the neighbourhood nearby have give way to cars in order to access them.
83. Support	Great idea as a lot of school children/students/locals cross the road here, but i think it's a little too close to the junction with Alexandra Road. Also what would really help here is a layby for the school buses to pull into - the pavements are very wide, so i think there is room. And St Josephs could always donate a strip of land if there isn't enough room.
84. Object	The crossing is too near to alexandra road. This area already gets gridlocked at peak times. Crossing should be moved further along towards the school entrance.
85. Support	I oppose existence of the traffic calming measure design roundals I think you call them - they are designed for car drivers but do not consider at all a vehicle like a cargo trike where I cannot avoid the odd shaped bump because wheelbase too narrow and cant go on side of road like an ordinary bicycle. They effectively tilt the cargo if I hit it wrong or the construction crew had a bad day or the surface has deteriorated. I would urge you to also stop and consider lets call it the difficulty of the Elmhurst Upper Redlands junction for vehicles that are not cars in relation to how close the crossing seems to the junction and the possibility it will cause traffic buildup. Try turning left on a bicycle from Elmhurst road to see what I mean. Flat wide at top even bump right across road is much better concern how close the crossing seems to the Elmhurst junction might just be my perspective in looking at diagram I support giving pedestrians full priority especially for such a busy area - and or cars should have much less priority / space - design should be to leaning towards encouraging less car use - but please do not forget consider the design for other road users - maybe try specific target get some opinions on roads from food delivery riders.
86. Support	This road is in real need of a pedestrian crossing as can be difficult for students and children. However, concern the crossing is quite close to junction which could be dangerous
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88. Object	I believe that the location of the crossing is not appropriate. It should be moved further towards St William of York church and leave the bus stop where it is. There is already a small passageway down the side of the church linking the university with student accommodation roads. The traffic during school drop off and pick up will be a disaster for local residents and also road users. There is congestion already. The stop start nature of traffic as a result will lead to long tail backs across the local area.