

Agenda Item 7

Newington Road, Ramsgate - Proposed Zebra Crossing - Consultation responses

The following are comments returned by the public to the consultation and KCC Highways response to the issues raised.

| Do you support the proposed zebra crossing in Newington Road? | |
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| Yes | No |
| 87% (13) | 13% (2) |

| Item | Comment received | KCC response |
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| 1. | I support the need for a pedestrian crossing but, this scheme removes on street parking which is needed in front of my property. Would it be possible to remove some of the double yellow lines in the Newington Road Cul-de-sac (serving nos. 163-175) to provide some extra parking? Or perhaps provide a dropped kerb so that I may park on my driveway. | As the proposed works will be taking place directly in line with the resident's property at 181 Newington Road, we are proposing to include a dropped kerb vehicular access to the property. |
| 2. | More speed limits signs and parking enforcement is also needed along this section of Newington Road. | The highway code states that in the absence of any signage to say otherwise, any road which is served by a system of street lighting is a 30mph restricted speed road. It is prohibited by the Department for Transport (DfT) to install 30mph repeater signs on street lit 30mph roads. Parking enforcement is monitored by Thanet District Council (TDC). TDC to comment. |
| 3. | Can something be done about the parking in Newington Road? At school times you cannot move because parents park inconsiderately. Double yellow lines are in place but, not enough enforcement takes place. | Parking enforcement is monitored by Thanet District Council (TDC). TDC to comment. |
| 4. | Will this have an impact on parking in the area, particularly at school start and finish times? Will the school still have a crossing patrol i.e. lollipop lady? | The proposed scheme will remove the on street parking which currently exists outside properties 177-185 Newington Road. The school crossing patrol is employed independently by the school; there are no proposals to remove the crossing patrol as part of this scheme. |

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| 5. | The children's safety is paramount. Parking in the area is a nightmare, parent's park over our drive. Is there any way to prevent drivers from parking over our drive? Having the zigzags from the crossing will make the parking even worse. | If drivers are parking across driveways and/or accesses this is a case of obstruction and Kent Police should be notified. Thanet District Council (TDC) to comment on parking enforcement matters. |
| 6. | I fully support the proposed crossing. It is very difficult and dangerous for children and parents crossing Newington Road to get to school in the mornings and afternoons. We have recently appointed a road crossing patrol, having been without one for over a year. However, parked cars and the speed of traffic along Newington Road make her job very dangerous and difficult. | The proposed scheme will include white zigzag lines which are enforceable. This is to maintain visibility of the crossing for safety purposes. |
| 7. | In principle for the safety of the children the zebra crossing is a very good idea. However, I am the registered manager of a Sense home which is situated in a small cul-de-sac off of Newington Road near to the proposed crossing. At school arrival and leaving times and also lunch times the parking in this area is very dangerous, the parents park where ever they like to get in and out. They park in the cul-de-sac and even on the pavements, blocking our entrance which is the only way in and out. Unfortunately due to the health issues of people living here, Ambulances may be needed quite often. The parking causes lots of problems for us. If you decide to go ahead with this proposal please could you ensure that safety measures are taken to ensure that people do not park in this cul-de-sac? | As this is privately managed parking area it is the responsibility of the land owners to monitor and enforce the parking. However, if drivers are blocking the access then this is a case of obstruction and Kent Police should be notified. |
| 8. | Believes the scheme to be a welcome and long over due safety measure. With 2 primary schools and over 600 children coming out onto Newington Road it makes perfect sense the zebra crossing according to the proposal. | Comment noted. |

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| 9. | Supports the need for a pedestrian crossing in Newington Road but, the proposed scheme requires the removal of a large amount of on street parking. The location of the scheme would likely devalue the price of the residents property should they choose to sell. | As the proposed works will be taking place directly in front of the resident's property at 183 Newington Road, we are proposing to include a dropped kerb vehicular access to the property. |
| 10. | Supports the scheme. But would like to be assured that hi friction surfacing and markings will be properly applied to the crossing, and markings should be topped up to bring them up to the level of the hi-friction surfacing. | The requested improvements are included in the scheme proposals. |

The residents of the two properties fronting the proposed new crossing both objected to the scheme based on the loss of parking. To resolve the residents' concerns a vehicular crossing has been included within the scheme designs for each of the affected properties, which was accepted by the residents. No other objections were submitted to the scheme consultation.