

Margate Road, Ramsgate

PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

What are we proposing to do?

We are consulting on a proposal to install a new pedestrian crossing in Margate Road, Ramsgate near the junction with Newlands Road and Whitehall Road.

We are proposing to install a zebra crossing including new road markings, flashing orange beacons and high friction surfacing.

Why are we proposing to do this work?

We are proposing these works to provide a safer crossing point in this part of Margate Road for pedestrians, including students travelling to and from Royal Harbour Academy (lower site) and children with parents travelling to Foreland Fields Primary School.

A crossing would also help pedestrians to access bus stops and to use the alley through to Ramsgate Train Station.

What would the scheme involve?

The scheme would involve the following:

- Removing the southern pedestrian island (closest to the viaduct) and replace it with a new zebra crossing. The zebra crossing would include zig-zag lines, striped markings, and flashing orange 'belisha' beacon lanterns.
- Widening the footway either side of Newlands Road to reduce the distance pedestrians need to cross. Widening the footway on the opposite side of the road was considered but as it would affect driveway access, widening by Newlands Road was the preferred option.
- Installing bollards on the widened footways to prevent cars parking where they might block sightlines for the zebra crossing and therefore compromising road safety.
- Installing high friction surfacing on the approaches to the zebra crossing.
- Removing the pedestrian island in Whitehall Road to enable large vehicles to turn into and out of the road and install a new dropped kerb.
- The existing pedestrian refuge located outside no.116 would remain, and the dropped kerbs and tactile paving would be improved at all crossing points.

A plan of the proposed crossing can be seen at the end of this document.

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Recently a Traffic Regulation Order was approved to assist the passage of public transport along Margate Road. This will see the installation of new waiting restrictions along the road which would restrict existing permitted on-street parking.

The proposed kerb buildouts may affect deliveries to local businesses, which would mean that they would need to unload elsewhere nearby. Customers may also find it difficult to pull up outside the local takeaway restaurants to pick up orders due to the new bollards and zig zag lines being proposed in this scheme.

An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) has been undertaken to assess possible impacts of the scheme, both positive and negative, on protected characteristics as defined in the Equality Act 2010. These are: age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, race, religion or belief, and carer's responsibilities. The EqIA is available to view at kent.gov.uk/margateroad or on request.

The scheme would deliver positive impacts by providing a safe place to cross, which would benefit pedestrians of all ages. Dropped kerbs at the crossing with red tactile paving would particularly benefit disabled pedestrians and those with buggies or prams.

During the works, alternative routes would be provided for pedestrians with barriers and ramps for those with visual and mobility impairments where required and in accordance with industry standards.

No adverse effects have been identified, however the EqIA will be updated after the consultation to consider any relevant information received.

How would this scheme be funded?

This scheme would cost approximately £65,000. The works would be funded through the budget for the Local Transport Plan. Information about our Local Transport Plan can be found on our website www.kent.gov.uk¹.

Have your say

We would like to give you an opportunity to let us know what you think of this proposal and we invite you to complete the consultation questionnaire, which is available on our website kent.gov.uk/margateroad.

If you have any questions regarding these proposals or require hard copies of any of the consultation material, please email east.highwayimprovements@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 41 81 81. Please use the reference 'Margate Road, Ramsgate Consultation' to identify the scheme.

¹ <https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/strategies-and-policies/service-specific-policies/roads-paths-and-transport-policies/local-transport-plan>

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The closing date for this consultation is midnight on Monday 17 June 2024.

Next steps

Following the consultation, a report will be compiled summarising the analysis of the responses. This report will be made available to consultees via the consultation webpage. The consultation responses and EqIA will be used to inform the decision on how to proceed with this scheme.

If the decision is made to proceed, works would start in winter 2024/25. Before any construction takes place, Start of Works notices would be delivered to local properties and placed on site.

These would advise you of when the works will start and any changes to the highway that may arise during construction. Large advance notice boards would also be placed on site to advise passing motorists of the works.

Alternative formats

If you require any of the consultation material in an alternative format or language please email alternativeformats@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 42 15 53 (text relay service number: 18001 03000 42 15 53). This number goes to an answering machine, which is monitored during office hours.

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