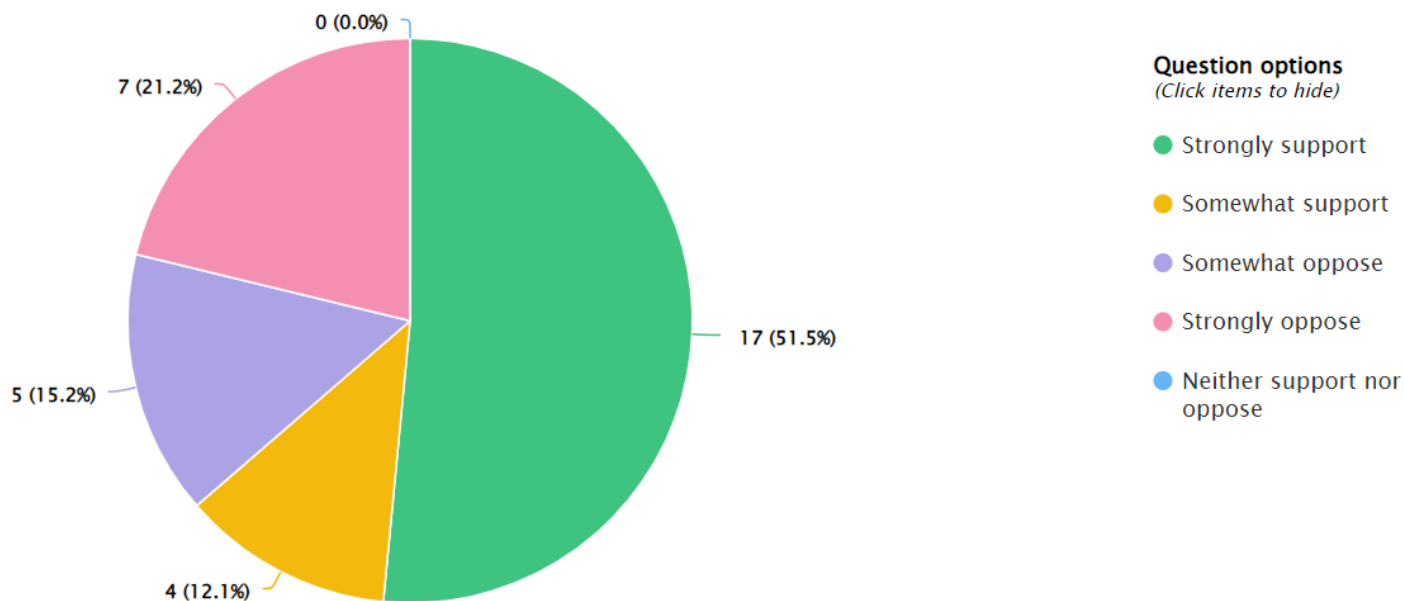


Consultation responses: St Leonards Rd – Upgraded zebra crossing

Overview



In total 34 responses were received:

- 51.5% of responses strongly supported the proposals.
- 12.1% of responses somewhat supported the proposals.
- 15.2% of responses somewhat opposed the proposals.
- 21.2% of responses strongly opposed the proposals.

Additionally, 26 respondents expanded upon their answers with detailed written comments. The most common comments are documented in the 'Written comments' section, below.

The consultation showed that more people were in favour of the planned improvements than not, and the most common comment was that these improvements will increase safety for school children, also for regular pedestrians and it will improve the traffic flow on St Leonards Rd during school start/end times.

As a result of this consultation:

- We will replace the current zebra crossing with a set of pedestrian controlled traffic lights.
- As this is a residential area the light will be shielded to avoid any pollution into people homes and the beeping sound removed.

Written comments

You told us	Action we will take
<p>#1 Most commented.</p> <p><i>The current roundabout junction between Bolton Road and St Leonard's Road is a bigger issue as there is no raised centre in the roundabout which causes the high speeds along St Leonard's Road and causes many near misses. Very dangerous with large amounts of pedestrian crossing at this junction. Place traffic lights and the lights should prioritise the pedestrians.</i></p>	<p>The installation of pedestrians traffic lights will slow traffic down.</p> <p>There is no raised center due to the size of junction and a raised center would upset balance of large vehicles turning at the junction.</p>
<p>#2 Most commented.</p> <p><i>A 20 MPH speed limit should be introduced in the location of the crossing to improve the safety of the crossing especially due to the distance from the school.</i></p>	<p>The speed limit and the provision of traffic calming in this area will be reviewed.</p>
<p>#3 Most commented.</p> <p><i>A raised pedestrian crossing to improve the visibility of the zebra crossing and provide a speed bump to slow down the traffic to improve safety at the crossing.</i></p>	<p>The traffic lights were considered to be the safer option to answer complaints of vehicles that are not giving way to pedestrians.</p>
<p>#4 Most commented.</p> <p><i>The lights should be pedestrian controlled. To increase the power of the pedestrian as we are losing the zebra crossing which gives the public the right of way.</i></p>	<p>The lights will be pedestrians controlled.</p>

<p>#5 Most commented</p> <p><i>Increase protection for cyclists on the road as there is a danger for cyclists entering and leaving Trevelyan car park. Creating cycle lanes will improve cyclist safety and the flow of cycling to the local schools and Legoland.</i></p>	<p>The provision for cyclist will be reviewed in line with the LCWIP (Local cycling and infrastructure plan)</p>
<p>#6 Most commented</p> <p>WAMACT</p> <p><i>Zebra crossings tend to result in lower delays to traffic, except where pedestrian flows are heavy (which is likely for 10 minutes or so at the start and end of the school day at this location). A signalised crossing will also delay pedestrians more as they must 'beg' to cross by pressing a button and wait for the lights to change in their favour.</i></p> <p><i>WAMACT would much prefer that steps are taken to improve compliance at the crossing:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>raising the zebra onto a tabletop crossing.</i> - <i>adding footway build-outs to narrow the road to slow drivers down and increase the visibility of the crossing.</i> - <i>removing the right turn filter to further reduce the potential distractions which drivers experience on the approach to the crossing.</i> - <i>installation of CCTV to monitor the crossing.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As above the traffic lights will be installed to improve safety. - Build – outs will not be installed close to junctions as this put traffic towards to the center of the carriageway. - The right turn lane assists traffic to enter the school car park allowing other traffic to continue. - CCTV will not be installed at the junction.