

OBJECTORS AND REASONS FOR OBJECTION
WITH OFFICERS COMMENTS

Resident
Eden Vale Road
Westbury

1. The volume of through traffic along Eden Vale Road should decrease when the new road through Leigh Park opens. A crossing at this site may not be of advantage.
2. The site of the proposed crossing is not suitable. During peak school hours the junction near the proposed site is very congested with traffic waiting to enter and exit Springfield Road. A crossing here would make the problem worse.
3. The majority of children attending Matravers School cross the road long before the proposed site; very few pupils actually cross here.
4. The proposed site affects nearby entrances and the busy Springfield Road junction. Cars would have to wait on the crossing, which is not good for safety reasons.

Comments on Objections

1. The level of through traffic may well decrease along Eden Vale Road following the construction of the new road through Leigh Park. However the level of locally generated traffic along Eden Vale Road, together with the anticipated general increase in road traffic growth, still justifies the need for a crossing at the proposed location.
2. The fact that the junction is often busy reinforces the view that a crossing at this location would be of benefit to pedestrians generally in the area. The provision of the Zebra crossing and the associated zig-zag markings should encourage waiting vehicles to keep clear of the crossing area.
3. Whilst some pupils do choose to cross elsewhere along Eden Vale Road, the pedestrian survey which was carried out indicates that between the hours of 8.00 am and 6.00 pm over 200 pedestrians crossed in the vicinity of the Springfield Road junction. To say that few people cross here is untrue.
4. The crossing has been carefully located to minimise the impact on the nearby junction and private entrances. However, as with all crossings of this type in urban areas due care and attention must be exercised at all times by vehicles when manoeuvring in the vicinity

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1. The majority of pupils who will come from the new Leigh Park estate will choose to cross further down Eden Vale Road on the bend.
2. A Zebra crossing seems an expensive item for so little use.
3. It would be more cost effective to wait until the new road through Leigh Park is opened.

Comments on Objections

1. Some pupils may well choose to cross further down Eden Vale Road. However crossing at or close to the bend in Penleigh Road could be considered less desirable in road safety terms. A Zebra crossing near the junction with Springfield Road should encourage pupils to stay on the south-west footway and cross safely closer to the school.
2. Zebra crossings are extremely cost effective when measured against other types of formal crossing such as Puffin or Pelican crossings. Pedestrian surveys indicate that the introduction of a crossing at the proposed location is likely to be well used particularly during morning and afternoon peak times.
3. The amount of locally generated traffic and the increase in traffic growth generally still justifies the introduction of a Zebra crossing at the proposed location