

Kingston and North Kingston Neighbourhood Committee

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Coombe Lane West Zebra Crossing - Local Consultation Results

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Relevant Portfolio Holder: Councillor Nicola Nardelli, Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Transport and Waste and Recycling

Last Committee Reference: N/A

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of a public consultation on the Introduction of Zebra Crossing on Coombe Lane West and seek a way forward.

Recommendation(s)

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that:

1. the result of the consultation as set out in paragraphs 1 to 9 of the report, be noted;
2. the scheme as shown in **Annex 1** to be approved for implementation, and the residents be informed of the Committee's decision once both Committees have considered the matter.

Benefits to the Community:

The proposed scheme addresses the speeding concerns raised and improves safety for residents and drivers, alike and may also encourage the use of alternative modes of transport.

Key Points

- A. This report details the proposal to install a new zebra crossing on Coombe Lane West, specifically outside house numbers 54/56. Coombe Lane West forms the boundary with New and Old Malden Neighbourhood, and that committee considered this report in December 2025 and approved the scheme.
- B. The proposal addresses feedback from local residents requesting an improved road crossing. Following site visits and observations, a zebra crossing is proposed to provide a formal and safe crossing point on Coombe Lane West, supporting our wider initiative to encourage walking to school.
- C. This report outlines the results of the local consultation conducted regarding the implementation of the new zebra crossing at this location.

- D. Over the last five years, six collisions have occurred on Coombe Lane West, specifically between the east of Dickerage Road and Crown Road. These incidents include two serious and four slight injuries.
- E. Members' views and comments on the local consultation results are sought, alongside approval of the scheme for implementation.

Result of Local Consultation

1. In September 2025, consultation letters were sent out to 82 residents within the Coombe Lane West consultation area. The consultation ran from 30 September to 28 October 2025.
2. **50 residents** responded to the consultation.
3. In response to the question "*How do you feel about the current pedestrian crossing situation on the road?*"

Happy (%)	Unhappy (%)	Neutral (%)
32	44	24

4. In response to the question "*Do you support the introduction of a new zebra crossing on Coombe Lane West outside house number 54/56?*"

Yes (%)	No (%)	Don't know (%)
60	36	4

5. A summary of comments from residents who left comments via the Let's Talk survey, email, or residents' questions received via telephone is shown below.
6. Emergency services (London Fire Brigade, Metropolitan police) and Transport for London (TfL) Buses provided their feedback on the proposals, citing no objections or concerns, provided designs conforms to relevant standards.

Arguments Against the Proposed Zebra Crossing

Argument	Officer's Comment
Traffic Congestion and Pollution: Objectors believe the crossing will cause traffic slowdowns, increasing congestion, delays, and pollution on Coombe Lane West, especially during peak hours.	Coombe Lane West is subject to a 20mph speed limit. However, traffic speeds often exceed 23mph. This scheme will help mitigate this issue by encouraging lower speeds.

<p>Safety Concerns near Driveways: Residents with driveways near the proposed site are concerned that the required zig-zag markings will create a significant safety hazard due to severely poor visibility of pedestrians when reversing in or out during peak times.</p>	<p>The final design details will specifically address these concerns.</p>
<p>Site Suitability and Flooding: Concerns were raised about regular flooding at the proposed location, which could compromise the stability and integrity of the crossing and cause problems for nearby residents.</p>	<p>The final design details will address this specific issue.</p>
<p>Lack of Need: Some residents argue the crossing is unnecessary at this specific location, noting the presence of existing informal crossing points and a traffic light-controlled crossing near Coombe Hill Schools.</p>	<p>This scheme is considered essential for supporting "walking to school" initiatives by helping pedestrians cross safely.</p>
<p>Alternative Locations: Alternative sites were suggested where a formal crossing is perceived to be more urgently needed, such as near Albion Road/High Drive, Lord Chancellor Walk, or the junction of Coombe Lane West and Galsworthy Road (near the hospital).</p>	<p>The current location was chosen based on the geometric layout of the road, which is suitable for this type of crossing.</p>

Arguments in Support of the Coombe Lane West Zebra Crossing:

7. The proposal has garnered significant support based on the following anticipated benefits:
 - **Enhanced Safety:** The most frequently cited advantage is the provision of a safer, formal crossing point. This is considered an invaluable addition, particularly for vulnerable users, including children, the elderly, and those using wheelchairs, prams, or buggies, who currently face difficulties crossing the road.
 - **Traffic Calming:** Many respondents believe that establishing a formal crossing will serve to slow vehicular traffic. This, in turn, is expected to improve compliance with the area's existing 20mph speed limit.

Recommendation

8. In light of the above local consultation results, the Committee is recommended to note the result of the consultation and approve the implementation of the proposed Zebra Crossing as set out in **Annex 1** of the report, subject to notice for crossing. Residents would be informed of the Committee's decision.
9. Residents to be informed of the Committee decision.

Timescale

10. Subject to the Committee's decision, it is programmed for the scheme to be implemented within this financial year.

Resource Implications

11. The cost of the works will be met from the Council's LIP grant allocation from TfL, and the budget is sufficient to fund the works.

Legal Implications

12. Subject to Committee decision, any necessary legal Statutory notices process will be carried out.

Equalities Implications

13. An Equalities Relevance Test has been undertaken and indicated there was no significant negative impact and therefore no Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken.

Health Implications

14. No direct health benefits but the scheme will encourage more walking and active travel which are positive for residents' health.

Environmental Impact

15. The scheme will improve safety for pedestrians and encourage more active travel.

Background papers - Held by Author
Consultation response papers

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