FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How is the scheme being funded?

The scheme is funded by Transport for London (TfL). Funding is available to all London councils via the Local Implementation Plan programme to carry out road safety improvements and therefore it is not funded from council tax revenue.

Why can't we replace the school crossing patrol officer?

A policy decision was made in 2024 to not recruit or replace school crossing patrol officers any more. This was decided as part of a cost saving policy.

How will the zebra crossing impact residents directly in the vicinity?

- There will be no parking allowed within the extent of the zig zags
- Relocation of the telegraph pole. This will not affect the service provided.
- Increased lighting in the area to ensure visibility at all times. Hoods will be installed on the new belisha beacons to direct light to road users and minimise light to the side.

How will the lighting levels of the zebra crossing be assessed?

A lux simulation will be carried out for both horizontal and vertical planes to assess the environmental impact of the proposed zebra crossing lighting on nearby residential properties. We will ensure no significant direct light or spill light will affect adjacent dwellings, complying to the recommendations set out in ILP TR12, ensuring appropriate illumination levels without causing undue intrusion.

Does the zebra crossing improve road safety?

Yes, providing a crossing point such as a zebra crossing gives pedestrians a safe place to cross the road as they have priority. This means vehicles are required to give way to pedestrians when they see a pedestrian waiting to cross at a zebra crossing. Pedestrians should wait for an approaching vehicle to come to a stop before stepping onto a crossing to ensure the driver has seen them.

Why does the zebra crossing need zig-zag markings?

The 'Zebra, Pelican and Puffin Pedestrian Crossings Regulations and General Directions 1997' outlines the regulations for a legal zebra crossing. This includes instructions for the minimum length and number of zig-zag markings. This type of restriction is necessary on all sides of a zebra crossing to ensure drivers approaching the zebra crossing will see a pedestrian waiting or starting to cross. Cars stopped or parked near the crossing will reduce the visibility of cars approaching the zebra crossing and so will increase the risk of a pedestrian being injured.

Why does the telegraph pole need to be relocated?

A visibility study has been undertaken and the existing location of the telegraph pole puts pedestrians at risk of not being seen by oncoming traffic. This increases the risk of a car approaching the crossing and not seeing a pedestrian who is about to cross.

Can we ever park on the zig zag markings?

No, the zig zag parking will restrict parking at these locations at all times. Rules for waiting and parking are outlined in the <u>Highway Code</u>.

What happens after this consultation?

This consultation is part of the statutory consultation to make changes to the highway. The feedback received from the consultation will be considered by officers and a recommendation will be made to implement the crossing, make changes to the proposal or not implement the crossing.

If the majority or responses are negative, will the scheme still be progressed? We will consider all the responses received and have discussions with the ward councillors and other major stakeholders before making a decision. As this is not a referendum, we will take other factors into account when deciding whether to progress.