

FAQs - Ruskin Road area scheme

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What data does the Council have to evaluate the proposals?

We have traffic volume data and vehicle speeds data collected in July 2024.

We have access to collision data provided by the Police via Transport for London when an accident involving an injury to a person has occurred.

The feedback received during this informal engagement and formal consultation (if necessary) will be considered before implementing any measures.

There will be further traffic data collected once any measures are installed to compare the data.

There will be ongoing monitoring of the collision data.

Once implemented any feedback received from residents / road users will be documented and considered.

Who will make the decisions on whether the proposals go ahead?

The feedback received via this engagement will inform senior Council officers, ward councillors and the Chair of the Environment and Sustainable Transport Committee to decide.

Where is the funding coming from for these measures?

Funding for this scheme is coming from Transport for London via the Local Implementation Plan programme.

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.

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 [Highway Code](#).

Will the proposed pedestrian islands stop me accessing my driveway?

We have proposed pedestrian islands in locations where pedestrians currently cross to improve the facility and make it safer for them to cross. In some cases they are located close to driveways and may restrict access into some driveways especially in larger vehicles. We have ensured that access is not impeded in at least one direction.

Do physical traffic calming features such as speed humps / cushions cause vibration?

There has been lots of research on this, for example, a [Transport Research Laboratory report](#), and it has not found any conclusive evidence that traffic-induced vibrations from traffic calming can cause building damage. However vibrations from traffic calming will carry further through some ground conditions, such as Alluvium which could be a disturbance if properties are in close proximity.

Will this traffic calming proposal cause more congestion?

By generating a consistent flow of vehicles, traffic calming can result in lower and more consistent traffic speeds which in turn helps reduce congestion. Implementing traffic calming can also reduce the volume of traffic choosing to use that road.

Will the traffic calming produce a lot of noise?

Traffic calming features can produce some noise when vehicles are driven over them too fast. However, the reduction in traffic speeds and a smoother driving style can result in a reduction in overall noise level.

Do features such as speed humps / cushions cause damage to vehicles?

Vehicles travelling over these features at appropriate speeds should not suffer damage. Studies have been carried out investigating the effect of repeatedly traversing road humps and no damage was seen. The Highway Code tells motorists that when they approach traffic calming features they should reduce their speed, therefore the assumption is that drivers would negotiate these features at an appropriate speed.

Does traffic calming cause higher levels of pollution?

The traffic calming features should encourage a smoother driving style with less acceleration and braking. This should result in reduced emissions.

Does traffic calming improve road safety?

Traffic calming measures have been shown to reduce the frequency of accidents involving pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists

[Research from the Department for Transport](#) shows that even a 1mph reduction in speed resulted in 6% less collisions.

Is traffic calming a problem for emergency vehicles?

If the emergency vehicle is on an emergency call, the driver may want to slow down to negotiate the feature and in which case this may increase the response time.

Do speed humps create additional road maintenance costs?

If constructed correctly and to specification a traffic calming feature should form part of the highway and not create a maintenance issue.

Are humps acceptable to bus operators?

The bus operators will be consulted. Usually bus operators have no objection to humps as long as they are constructed to an agreed standard.

Do speed humps reduce traffic speeds?

Speed humps have proved to be effective in reducing traffic speed in many locations across the borough where they have been installed.