

Results of Public and Statutory Consultation:

Zebra Crossing on Muswell Hill Road N10

Consultation period: 25 October – 15 November 2023

The Council is proposing to introduce a zebra crossing on Muswell Hill Road between Woodside Avenue and Cranley Gardens. The latest 36 months' collision data at this location shows that there have been 5 slight recorded personal injury accidents (PIAs).

Details:

- Provision of a zebra crossing on Muswell Hill Road near Woodside Avenue, including associated lighting equipment and road markings.
- Provision of high skid resistant surface treatment on the approach to the zebra crossing.

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1. Overall support / Object

		Count	%
Support or Object	Support	15	75%
	Object*	4	20%
	Other view	1	5%
	Total	20	100%

2. Support / Object – by Road

	Support or Object					
	Support		Object*		Other view	
	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count	Row %
Cranley Gdns	11	79%	3	21%	0	0%
Muswell Hill Rd	2	50%	1	25%	1	25%
Church Crescent	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	15	75%	4	20%	1	5%

Comments – (including reasons for objecting)

	Road name	Support or Object	Comments.
1	Cranley Gdns	Object*	Couple of reasons to object. First of all is that there have been some road changes already made on the relevant section of Muswell Hill road such as larger traffic islands. It would make sense to see if that has addressed safety concerns rather than adding changes. Other reasons for objecting relate to unintended consequences. I have a concern that with a pedestrian crossing, mini roundabout and zebra crossing in close proximity this will create a traffic choke point resulting in increased congestion which may back all the way back to Muswell Hill Broadway. This would mean that the 43 and 134 buses run much slower discouraging public transport use. In addition the impact on Muswell Hill could be severe if it is full of queuing traffic as it would be more polluted, noisier and less attractive.

2	Cranley Gdns	Object*	5 slight personal injury accidents in 36 months does not justify introduction of a zebra crossing - it should not be taken as certain that a zebra crossing would reduce any incidence of future accidents - I would consider it quite feasible that the introduction of a zebra crossing in the proposed location could lead to an INCREASE in pedestrian injuries - the proposed location for the zebra crossing will VERY LIKELY lead to a rise in road traffic accidents. The junction in question is already a complex one. A zebra crossing will make it worse - there is already a pelican crossing only 50 metres away on the same road. This is already a safer place for pedestrians to cross
3	Cranley Gdns	Object*	I don't think it's necessary because there is a pedestrian crossing 10-15m away by the bus stops. Also there is a subway in the exact same place you propose having the zebra. The scheme would be duplicative and not give value for money. Furthermore it will cause chaos on the mini roundabout at the top of Cranley Gdns.
4	Muswell Hill Rd	Object*	Object to the proposal of a new zebra crossing between Cranley gardens and Woodside avenue. There is already a crossing twenty metres from the proposed site and there is no need for both. I might add that there has already been a new costly crossing area added at that very position. There is even also a tunnel under the road! It is surely a waste of more money at a time when there have to be better priorities. Five 'slight PIAs' in 36 months is a) a very small number b) probably caused by people not using the existing crossing or underpass. I consider this idea pointless and a waste of money. Spend it in poorer areas of this borough please.
5	Muswell Hill Rd	Other view	I have some questions and observations, more centred around the law of unintended consequences than as objections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I presume the recent expensive works to upgrade the pedestrian islands in the same vicinity have been ineffective? • there is in any event a pedestrian crossing light about 50 yards away from the proposed zebra • a broad view would say the whole junction area is already complicated and cluttered without adding a zebra • what modelling has been done on the effect of the traffic emerging from Woodside Avenue (a cut through road where traffic usually has to nose into Muswell Road to proceed) . • presumably the option of putting traffic lights at the Woodside Avenue junction with Muswell Hill Road has been considered and rejected • it is difficult to comment without knowing the nature of the five incidents which have caused this rethink. Were lives endangered? • peak time in the zebra area is when parents bring their kids to St James's School. Do any of the five incidents relate to that time period, i.e. around 8.30 am? • did any of the five incidents occur after the recent pedestrian upgrades? If not the case is weakened. My immediate layman's reaction is that the case for a crossing is dubious, but I am not a traffic planner.
6	Muswell Hill Rd	Support	Great initiative!

7	Muswell Hill Rd	Support	Whilst we approve of the proposed zebra crossing which presumably will either be before or just on the railway bridge we wish to point out something about its proposed position. Our house in MH Road is near the junction with Woodstock Road, in the dip of the road coming down the slope from MUSWELL Hill shops before the road rises to the railway bridge before reaching Cranley Gardens. Because of the dip in the road, whenever it rains heavily water flows down MH Road and accumulates in the dip; forming a large lake in front of houses and even coming into one or two gardens. There is a drain in the road - but the pipe underneath it is obviously too narrow to absorb all the water flow- thus forming a considerable lake which takes time to clear. We would be grateful if you can do something about this.
8	Cranley Gdns	Support	This crossing is needed however that particular point in the road is subject to regular flooding when it rains. This will make the east side of the junction unusable during periods of heavy rain.
9	Cranley Gdns	Support	Do slow the traffic on Cranley Gardens.
10	Cranley Gdns	Support	Very necessary because of pedestrian access to the schools on Woodside Ave,. NB VITAL that Thames Water have resolved the flooding at this location!!
11	Cranley Gdns	Support	
12	Cranley Gdns	Support	Traffic needs slowing on Cranley Gdns
13	Cranley Gdns	Support	Good idea. The only problem I foresee is that the crossing appears to be very close to a point which (when it rains) collects a lot of water.. The water covers up to half way across the road and also covers part of the pavement.
14	Cranley Gdns	Support	
15	Cranley Gdns	Support	That crossing is used by hundreds of children every morning to get to school, and has always felt dangerous. We would wholeheartedly support a zebra crossing there.
16	Cranley Gdns	Support	This is a great idea - especially useful for children's safety when going to school
17	Cranley Gdns	Support	There should also be a zebra crossing on Cranley Gardens near the roundabout - very dangerous to cross
18	Cranley Gdns	Support	I would prefer a pelican crossing (i.e. one with lights)
19	Church Crescent	Support	
20	Church Crescent	Support	Excellent idea because traffic passing to and from Woodside Ave - Cranley Gdns. swings into and along Muswell Hill Rd. It makes crossing from the bus stop very hazardous - especially for older and slower pedestrians.