

9b – Refurbishment To The Existing Signal Pedestrian Crossing - A3102 Lyneham, Calne Road Pedestrian Crossing Refurbishment Scheme

Email 1 May 2024

Good afternoon,

As part of the A3102 Safer Roads Project some funding has been allocated for signal refurbishment schemes along this route, one of the sites chosen for refurbishment is the existing signal pedestrian crossing on Calne Road, Lyneham.

Our initial look at the pedestrian crossing refurbishment identified that the adjacent informal crossings are not aligned, and the tactile paving does not conform to standards. There is also potential for the primary signal head to be obscured by taller vehicles parked in the layby. Therefore, as part of the preliminary design process we have created a feasibility drawing to explore what is possible by widening the footway into the parking layby at the front of the supermarket. This permits the informal crossings to be aligned, improving the safety for all highway users and reduces the likelihood of the primary signal head being obscured.

The widening of the footway into the parking layby does remove the parking opportunity at the front of the store, and the convenience of having that facility available. The attached drawing indicates an outline feasibility layout to remove the layby outside the shop to correctly align these crossing points. We recognise this will have an impact on the supermarket and therefore at this stage of the design would welcome your views on these proposed improvements.

We are happy to discuss these proposals in more detail if required and look forward to receiving your feedback.

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Email 1 May 2024 – AB Response

Hi Kate

My initial thoughts are that this will go down like a dead balloon. The parking spaces in front of the shop are very heavily used and their removal would be detrimental to the shop. The real issue in that area is actually people not stopping at the roundabout at the top of Preston Lane. Apparently they don't see it. Might this revised layout provide any mitigation in that respect?

Email 3 May 2024 KD

Dear Cllr Bucknell,

Thank you very much for your prompt response, it is much appreciated.

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Your comments on the feasibility layout to remove the layby to improve pedestrian facilities adjacent to the crossing are noted with thanks.

This pedestrian crossing refurbishment is to make upgrades to the crossing itself and look at areas for improvements in the immediate vicinity of the crossing to aid all road users. However, there is further information on the wider project schemes for the A3102 Safer Roads project on our website, please follow the link below to review.

[A3102 Safer Road Scheme - Wiltshire Council](#)

Email 3 May 2024 AB

Thanks Kate – the roundabout identified by local road users as dangerous has not appeared on your list of road safety improvements. To be fair, it was looked at a few years ago through our CATG process and the signage et al was deemed to be satisfactory but near misses continue to cause concern and we have been asked to look at it again. It doesn't seem logical to review it when you have just looked at the length of the road and not come up with a need.

Are you aware of any assessment of that area that was carried out? I would be interested to find out more about the method you used to determine which improvements were recommended.

Email 3 May 2024 KD

Dear Cllr Bucknell,

Further to your email below I have now spoken with the project team who have provided the information below.

The A3102 as a route of concern was identified through work done by the Road Safety Foundation as part of the Department for Transport's Safer Roads Fund. The route was broken down into individual sections and a risk based approach following EuroRAP protocols and iRAP methodology was used to identify where interventions, known as countermeasures, would be of benefit in reducing the likely number of killed and serious injuries over the next 20 years. The methodology accepts that crashes will continue to take place but looks to reduce severity of injury.

I hope this information is useful.

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Thanks Kate

I am sure that makes absolute sense to anybody who understands the
acronymns.

Thank heavens for GOOGLE.

When will the decision be made on the initial subject, the crossing?

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Regards

Allison