

Penylan: Colchester Avenue Zebra Crossing

Consultation Report

Project No: CO17230

A consultation was held on the above scheme proposals between 08/03/2018 and 22/03/2018.

The purpose of the consultation was to obtain information from the local community in order to improve the scheme and if possible address any local concerns.

From the 45 properties consulted and 2 site notices displayed on site, 3 individual responses were received.

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| 2 | Support scheme and provided additional comments/suggestions |
| 1 | Provided suggestion |

The concerns and comments are summarised in *italics* below, along with the Council's response.

Recommendation

In view of the below it is proposed to proceed with the implementation of the scheme as outlined in the consultation plan.

Issue – traffic calming / road hump

“We would request that the tabled element of the crossing is not included in the project.”

“the constant slowing and accelerating does nothing for fuel consumption/pollution. I find my attention is on preparing/bracing myself for the impact rather than looking out for pedestrians. These problems are exacerbated by the fact that across the city there is no consistency in the severity of these bumps.”

Resident commented “As a road user my experience is that these calming features have made many roads in Cardiff unfit for purpose. Despite what I know you are going to say they do cause damage to vehicles and discomfort and pain to occupants with health problems.”

Resident commented “near Pantbach Road there is a speed bump that requires a reduction in speed but is not jarring to drive over. If we must have them why can't the all be like this?”

Traffic calming is proven to be an effective way of reducing road casualties. The decision to install ramps is not taken lightly as it is understood that they cause inconvenience to safe, responsible and law abiding motorists. Regrettably it has been found that these are often the only effective measure that can be used to ensure that the roads are safe, particularly for vulnerable users such as elderly and young pedestrians and cyclists. This is because, currently, ramps are often the only measure that effectively and significantly improves the driving behaviour of the minority of un-safe, irresponsible and reckless drivers. The traffic will be driving at slower speeds which will create a safer highway environment for all road users.

The Government's latest national air quality strategy suggested that removing road humps could be considered as an alternative to charging Clean Air Zones, however road safety groups have raised concerns that this may lead to an increase in collisions and reduction in road safety. At present Cardiff Council have no plans to remove road humps.

The design of the speed tables will include ramp gradients of 1 in 14, with a plateau length of 6m and a ramp height of 75mm. This should result in a ramp which is effective in reducing vehicle speeds and, if driven over at an appropriate speed, should not cause discomfort to vehicle occupants.

Issue – zebra crossing

Resident commented "My experience as a pedestrian is that these cause confusion is a vehicle slowing to stop at the crossing or just slowing to negotiate the bump?"

The Highway Code Rule 19 provides useful advice to pedestrians when using zebra crossings. This states "Give traffic plenty of time to see you and to stop before you start to cross. Vehicles will need more time when the road is slippery. Wait until traffic has stopped from both directions or the road is clear before crossing. Remember that traffic does not have to stop until someone has moved onto the crossing. Keep looking both ways, and listening, in case a driver or rider has not seen you and attempts to overtake a vehicle that has stopped.

Issue – Hammond Way/Colchester Avenue lights

Resident commented "Traffics approach this at speed and I have witnessed red light jumping on numerous occasions. I would like this section to be elevated or a speed/traffic camera to be installed. Also the light sequencing doesn't allow traffic enough time to move through the junction before the green man to walk across the road to come on. This can cause children to think it's safe to cross when traffic is still crossing the junction. This is compounded by people jumping the lights. Colchester avenue being a fast straight road does have a speeding problem at time. I have also witnessed traffic coming from Hammond way and the pub/shops and edging out joining Colchester avenue on a red light. Cars also park outside the car garage on Colchester avenue either on the pavement fully or on the double yellow lines. This obscures drivers and pedestrians views of the junction and presents a risk area. Could parking warden controls be stepped up the area and a note sent to the garage to stop their customers doing this illegal parking."

Speed cameras and static red light cameras are not operated by the Council, these are managed by GoSafe (www.gosafe.org.uk). Community concerns regarding red light jumping have been sent to GoSafe for their assessment, they have advised that this location does not meet the criteria for a red light camera.

A yellow box junction has been installed at this location, which will help to keep the junction clear of queuing traffic and may improve driver behaviour through the junction.

The comments regarding enforcement of parking restrictions have been forwarded to the Civil Enforcement Team for their attention. The Civil Enforcement Officers will be able to enforce parking restrictions i.e. where there are double yellow lines or single yellow lines, but they will not be able to enforce parking on the footway as this is still a Police matter.

Support for the scheme

A Zebra Crossing seems to be a sensible addition but what I would like to object to is the use of speed bumps.

Whilst supporting the zebra crossing I still have concerns over the speed to traffic towards the Hammond way/ Colchester avenue traffic light junction

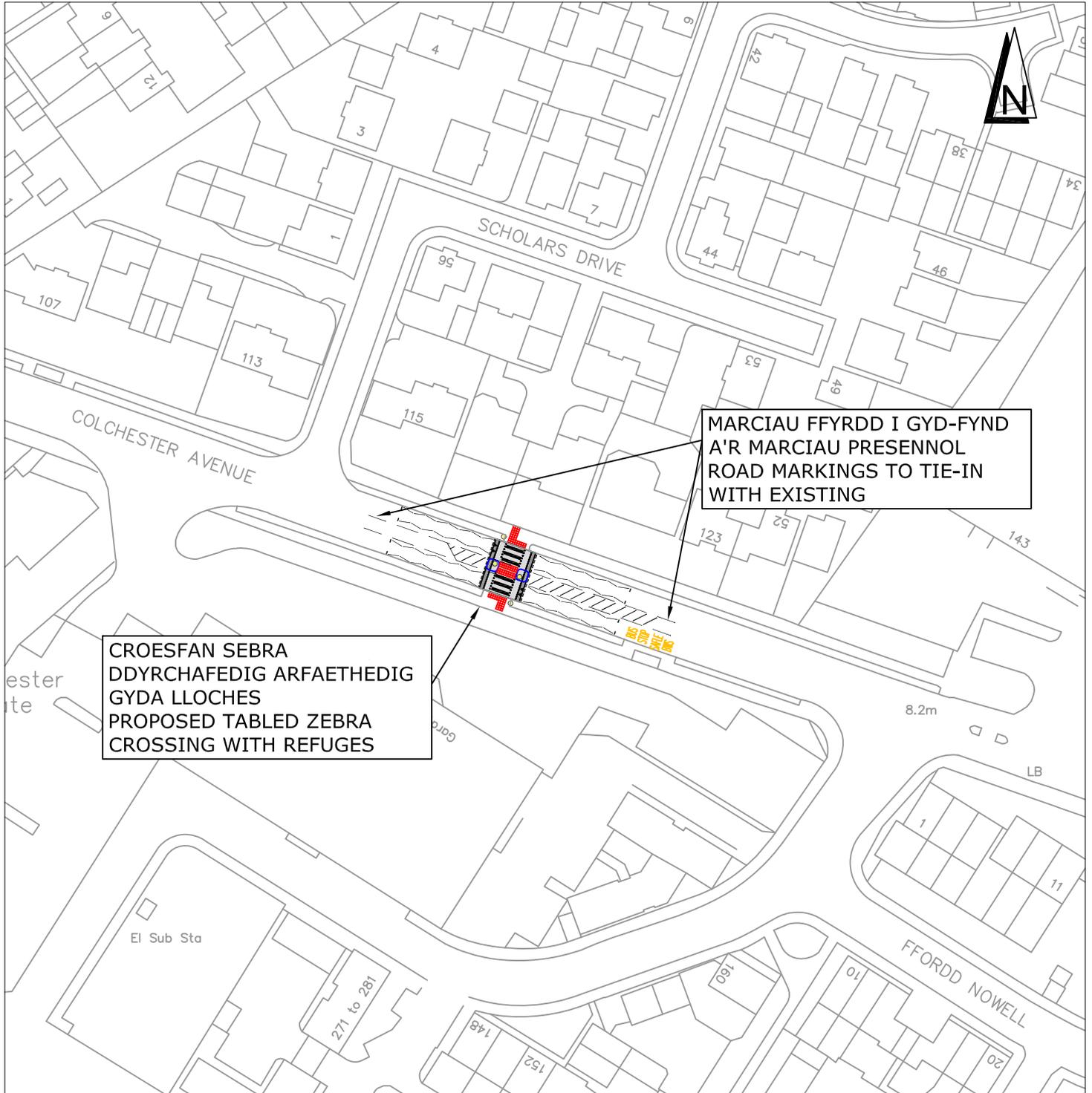
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Following the recent consultation on a traffic management proposal, the Council is preparing to implement the scheme based on the plan shown.

Further details about this consultation are available at www.cardiff.gov.uk/TransportProjects using the 'view consultations' link. Alternatively, please e-mail TransportProjects@cardiff.gov.uk or telephone 029 2087 3802 to request a paper copy.