

**Fairwater: Safe Routes In The Community 2017/18**  
**St. Fagans Road Pedestrian Facilities**

**Consultation Report**

**Project No: CO17000**

A consultation was held on the above scheme proposals between 22/06/2017 and 07/07/2017.

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 116 properties consulted and 4 site notices displayed on site, 8 individual responses were received, which included written and telephone responses, these have been summarised as follows:

- 3 Supports scheme
- 2 Comments/suggestions on proposals
- 3 Disagree with proposals

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, subject to available funding.

**Issue 1 – School Crossing Patrol**

*“what will happen to the job of the ' lollipop' lady who has tirelessly worked here for years??”*

*“with a new crossing, could it be guaranteed that we don't lose the crossing person?”*

**Response to Issue 1**

With regard to the School Crossing Patrol (SCP), we are not aware of any current proposals to remove the Patrol from this site. Under the national guidelines for the School Crossing Patrol Service, it is permissible for a SCP to operate on a zebra crossing.

**Issue 2 – Loss of Parking**

*“The other issue is the problem of parking for the residents of 204-214, there are at least 14 vehicles registered to these addresses and there is always a problem for us to park outside our relevant addresses. Where do you actually propose for us to park out vehicles??”*

*"I am against the proposal of a tabled zebra crossing outside my house, we already have a bus stop outside 272 st fagans rd with a crossing the bus stop would have to move I and other neighbours wouldn't be able to park any where near our houses as some of us do not have the facility to have off road parking"*

*"We also know that parking will become slightly stressful since the number of on-street parking spots will be reduced for neighbours on the other side of the road"*

*"whilst we have no objection to the proposed changes as such, we do, as local residents have concerns in regards to parking. From viewing the map, it appears parking outside our property will no longer be an option due to the location of the crossing. The map suggests there will be white zig zag lines indicating no parking is allowed."*

### Response to Issue 2

If residents are unable to accommodate their vehicles off road they would need to find an appropriate parking space in a safe and legal location elsewhere.

The roads are public highway and therefore all members of the public have equal rights in law to make use of the roads, subject to any restrictions present. Residents have no greater rights to use the road in which they live than any other person.

The zig-zag road markings associated with the zebra crossing extend for no more than approximately 16 metres either side of the crossing location, and as such, any displaced parking will not be over a significant distance.

Cardiff Council is aware of the demand for parking and we take all measures to maximise the available space within these types of scheme. However, the safety of pedestrians and facilitating safe convenient pedestrian movement, particularly to and from schools, is considered very important. In accordance with the Council's policies and strategy, this takes precedent over parking provision. However, we will take these views into consideration and will see what can be done during the detailed design process to improve parking availability.

### Issue 3 – Driveway Access

*"Three of these addresses also have off road parking in front of their properties that they will need access to."*

*"It would have a huge impact on me entering my drive way as a zebra crossing is right on the entrance of my driveway,"*

### Response to Issue 3

The zebra crossing has been located in-between No.212 and No.214, and the existing driveway access to No.212 will be unaffected by the proposals. The speed table has been widened to accommodate the driveway to No.212, access to this

driveway will be from the top of the new speed table, and not the current dropped kerb arrangement.

It has been noted that No.214 and No.216 have paved front gardens, but do not have vehicle crossovers with dropped kerbs. It is an offence to drive on a footway unless a vehicle crossover has been authorised and put in. In addition to the safety reasons, this is because you may damage the footway or any pipes or cables that are buried underneath it. If these properties wish to apply for a vehicle crossover license in the future, the speed table and build-outs have been positioned in order that they would not prevent these from being constructed, subject to the correct Approvals.

There is a formal process to obtain Highway Agreement for a vehicle crossover. St.Fagans Road is a classified road, therefore Planning Permission for any future vehicle crossover will also be required. Further information can be found on the Council website at [www.cardiff.gov.uk](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk)

#### Issue 4 – Plan out of date

*“For one thing the plan of the proposal is not up to date, it shows the grass verge in front of number 214 which has not been there for TEN years now, it is actually part of my neighbours front garden!*

*“the survey map you provided is inaccurate . As I purchased the land in front of my home in 2005.”*

#### Response to Issue 4

All of the work associated with the zebra crossing is being carried out within the limits of the adopted highway, no work will be carried out within the boundary of the private properties.

The Ordnance Survey Plan has not been updated following the changes to the ownership of the front of the properties of 214-218 St.Fagans Road. Updating the Ordnance Survey Plan is not the responsibility of the Council.

#### Issue 5 – Scheme Cost

*“the addition of artificial tables and narrowing of the carriageway are completely unnecessary and a complete waste of money! The council would be better served using this money to resurface and repair potholes and pavements in the Fairwater area that are hazards to motorists and pedestrians alike.*

#### Response to Issue 5

This work is being funded by Welsh Government Safe Routes in the Community Grant. It is not possible for Officers to use this Grant funding for purposes other than for which the Welsh Assembly Government has determined.

#### Issue 6 – Location of zebra crossing

*“ Would it not make more sense for the crossing to be re-located further along St Fagans Road, possibly where the present 'refuge' is located, opposite Nos. 289/290?”*

#### Response to Issue 6

Pedestrian flow surveys have been carried out during the scheme development. These surveys identified that more pedestrians crossed St.Fagans Road at Fairways Crescent, than at the existing pedestrian refuge. Pedestrians are very reluctant to walk out of their way to use a crossing and consequently many would choose not to divert from the desire line when crossing, by making use of gaps in the traffic. National studies have shown that this results in a higher accident rate than if there were not a crossing at the site. For this reason, it is considered that placing the crossing where it serves the desire line is of the utmost importance.

Locating the zebra crossing near Fairways Crescent will provide a better facility for bus passengers.

#### Issue 7 – Pedestrian Refuge

*“Can you please confirm if the upgrade to the existing refuge will be made larger than what it already is? It's an inconvenience already getting in and out of my drive so I'd hope this wouldn't be the case.”*

#### Response to Issue 7

Currently, the existing refuge is very narrow and we propose to increase the size of the refuge to meet current design standards. During the detailed design process we shall carry out a vehicle swept path analysis to ensure that access to the driveways is not obstructed.

#### Issue 8 – Junction of St.Fagans Road and Fairways Crescent

*“trying to turn right out of Fairways Crescent to go down St Fagans Road, there are issues of visibility caused by the mature trees and parked cars”*

*“we are concerned that the buses that go around this junction will struggle with the impact of the raised buildouts - they currently have to make a significant swing to go around the corner to descend into Fairways Crescent, and again the hillstart going up onto St Fagans Road may cause problems if they have to stop suddenly because of a pedestrian crossing the road.”*

*“Traffic driving up the hill (Fairways Cresc.) and turning right to join St Fagans Rd will have to negotiate a hill start, traffic (heavy during 'rush hours') approaching from two directions along St Fagans Road, as well as pedestrians crossing the road, all within the space of 10 or so metres.”*

*“Several buses, including Nos 64 & 65 travelling to/from the University Hospital at the Heath, use Fairways Crescent. Negotiating the junction with*

*St Fagans Rd is difficult enough for them now; the proposed narrowing of the roads at this point will make the junction potentially more difficult and dangerous.”*

#### Response to Issue 8

The new build-out will enable motorists to pull forward onto St.Fagans Road and will improve visibility for motorists waiting at the junction.

The zebra crossing zig-zags will remove the parking close to the junction, this will improve visibility for motorists exiting from Fairways Crescent.

During the concept design process we have carried out track runs to assess the swept paths of buses negotiating the junction. We can confirm that buses can manoeuvre safely. This will be reviewed again during the detailed design process when the final shape of the build-out is designed.

#### Issue 9 – Bus operation

*“Has the bus company been involved in the consultations about the raising and building out of the road at this point?*

*“with a crossing the bus stop would have to move”*

#### Response to Issue 9

The local bus companies have been consulted during the development of this scheme, together with the Emergency Services.

The bus stops are not being moved under these proposals.

#### Issue 10 – Trees

*“No mention is made of the fate of the trees in the document.”*

#### Response to Issue 10

The Council’s Park section has been consulted during the development of this scheme. Construction work will be carried out in accordance with their restrictions. We do not propose to remove the trees as part of this scheme.

#### Scheme support

*“I can see the benefit of adding a zebra crossing near the junction of St Fagans Road and Fairways Crescent.”*

*“I do approve of the crossing near wellright road as that is where the school is and a crossing needs to be there”*

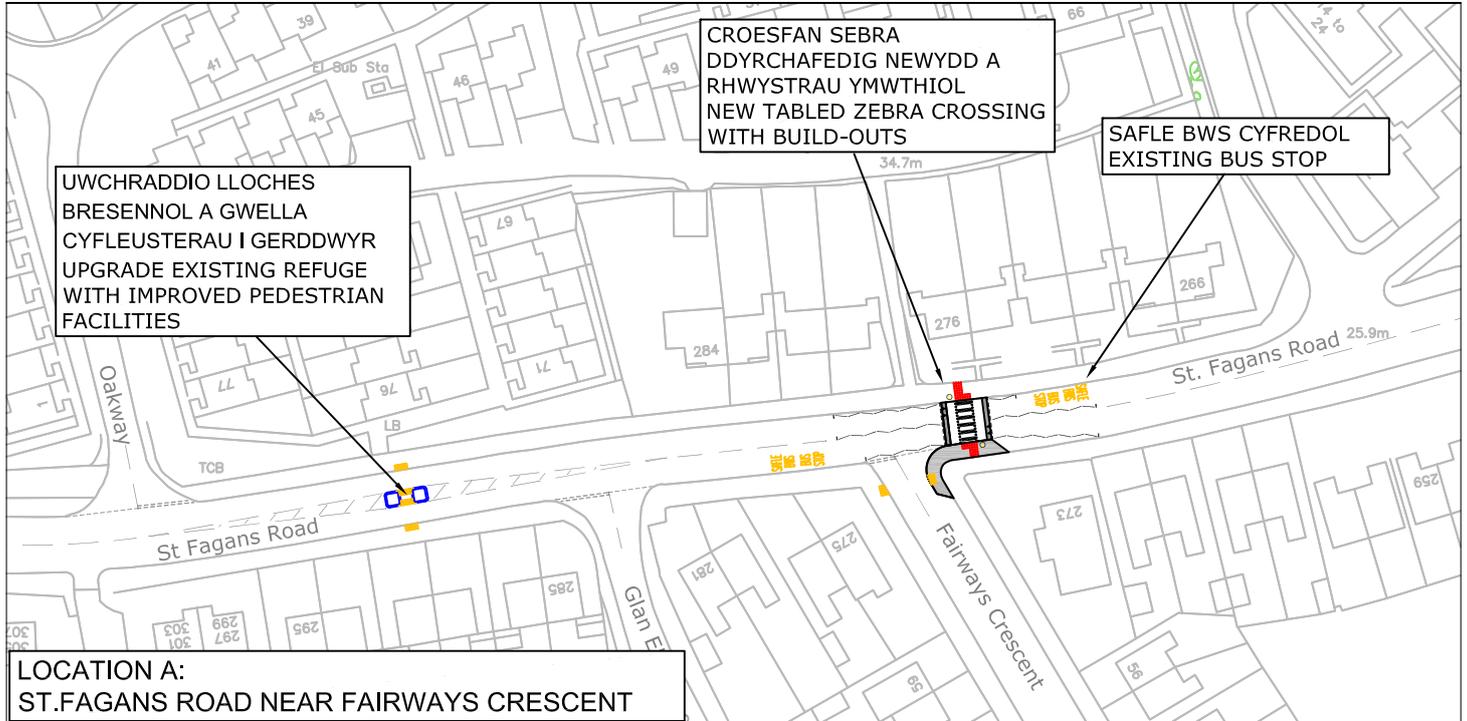
*“We naturally welcome improvements that will result in a safer environment for pedestrians, drivers and residents.”*

*“We fully understand the need to ensure safe crossing on St Fagans road and appreciate the council's work at improving this.”*

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

Further details about this consultation are available at [www.cardiff.gov.uk/TransportProjects](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/TransportProjects) using the 'view consultations' link. Alternatively, please e-mail [TransportProjects@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:TransportProjects@cardiff.gov.uk) or telephone 029 2087 3802 to request a paper copy of the post-consultation report.