

Langton Court Road – Proposed zebra crossing and pedestrian improvements

BWA is a consortium of organisations and individuals campaigning to improve Bristol’s walking environment. We want to create an environment for pedestrians that is welcoming, safe, convenient and inclusive.

We support the proposals as far as they go, but we suggest that more should be done to make the environment for pedestrians more safe and welcoming.

The Langton Court Road bridge is narrow and close to a school, and Bristol Walking Alliance would have preferred to prioritise the bridge for active and public transport modes and to close it to private motor traffic. But we accept that the decision has been made, following the balance of consultation comments being in slightly favour of keeping it open to motorised traffic. We would have preferred closure to private motor traffic to have been applied for an experimental period, so that its impact could have been tested for all to see.

We consider the proposals in two parts:

Near the school: The proposals will be an improvement on the existing layout. A widened pavement, speed table and zebra crossing near the school are all welcome.

Near the bridge: The two pavement build-outs at either end of the bridge are also welcome. However, even without a full closure of the bridge to motor vehicles, more could be done. The pavements on the bridge are narrow, and some of the school catchment pupils must cross it each day. We propose an alternative treatment at the bridge, which would be to widen the pavements on the bridge and make it single lane with priority given to one direction.

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