

Consultation Results: (NB to be checked by Consultation team).

This proposal was consulted on as part of a wider neighbourhood consultation process and an analysis of the consultation results for all proposals including School Crossing Patrols is at www.bristol.gov.uk/consultationhub. Included in this is a summary of Elected Member and MP communications.

A total of 2094 responses related to School Crossing Patrols (SCPs) were received, of which 1601 identified a specific site, which indicates significant concerns to removing SCPs. However, 758 (47%) of responses relating to a specific site were concerning schools where the proposal is to retain the SCP meaning that only 843 (53%) actually related to SCPs that are proposed to be discontinued (see table).

The top 20 sites with the highest number of responses consist of nine that are not proposed to lose their funding, ten that will lose the funding and one (17: Chester Park Ridgeway Road) that will now retain its funding (see graph below). Of these, five are engineered and only six do not have any formal crossing without the SCP. These six sites are: 57- Shirehampton Primary; 17: Chester Park Ridgeway Road; 33- Holy Cross Primary; 59.1-St. Annes Infants Langton Road; 9-Brentry Primary; 7-Begbrook Primary.

Three sites that were proposed to lose their funding even though they met the national criteria for a SCP site will all now be retained.

Of the comments, 381 thought we had missed something about specified sites when making our decision although many (180) just felt we should not be making the cuts at all. The most common concerns are busy roads, hazardous crossings (e.g. Blind corner), speed and drivers who ignored the crossing. In as far as mitigating the loss of a SCP the two most common suggestions were providing a pedestrian crossing and the use of volunteers.

There were also 3 petitions, one relating to Chester Park with 616 signatories, an online petition at Hillcrest Primary with 518 signatories (21/09/17) and a further petition for Four Acres Primary of 199 signatories. Both the Hillcrest and the Four Acres petitions were not formally received during the 'Your Neighbourhood' consultation period but were noted.

Of the sites that were proposed to be disestablished due to there already being a puffin crossing, Hillcrest School drew the largest number of comments as well as having a petition. Of biggest concern was the speed and size of vehicle as well as vehicles not stopping. In response to the consultation further observation of the site was carried out and many of the vehicles 'running a red light' did so once the SCP had returned to the pavement having escorted all the children across the road. This is the reason that national guidelines suggest not patrolling engineered crossings due to the potential for confusion.

Headteachers of sites with SCPs were contacted in December with an online questionnaire.. The next stage will be to re-contact the Heads of schools where a site is under threat to look at any potential mitigation measures. Traffic engineers will assess the site and take into account the local knowledge reflected in the consultation regarding engineering or other mitigation. The solutions will need to be safe, compliant with DfT guidelines and affordable. This will go on to inform any

potential future measures at sites that do lose their service, although the engineering may not be able to be implemented at the same time as the removal of the SCP.

School Crossing Patrols

School crossing sites of concern to respondents

