

# Maxted Road Zebra Crossing

## Consultation summary report

January 2018



# Introduction

The Maxted Road zebra crossing forms part of the Southwark Spine north-south walking and cycling route. The Southwark Spine part of a cycling network as detailed in the 2015 Southwark Cycling Strategy (click the link below for more information). The route is not just for experienced cyclists but for anyone who wants to use quieter, lower-traffic routes, providing an environment for those cyclists who want to ride at a more leisurely speed.

Maxted Road follow key principles of the healthy streets approach which includes improving the quality of public areas to make walking and cycling pleasant and enjoyable, and improving the health of local residents.

# Consultation process

The Maxted Road raised zebra crossing was consulted on as part of the Southwark Spine from East Dulwich to Peckham project. Consultation was held from 01/11/2017 to 04/12/2017. An online consultation page was set up, and respondents were also invited to make contact by email or telephone.

A flyer was distributed to 7111 postal addresses near the route, along with social media, and emails to key stakeholders promoting the consultation and invitation to a drop-in session on 16 November with approximately 50 attendees.



## Summary of consultation responses

We received a total of 463 responses to the online consultation for the Southwark Spine, with 86 responding to the Maxted Road raised zebra crossing. We also received detailed responses from Southwark Cyclists and the London Cycling Campaign.

### Maxted Road raised zebra crossing

Overall there was a high level of support for the zebra crossing as summarised below:

Satisfied/Very satisfied: 59%

Dissatisfied/Very dissatisfied: 27%

The responses can be broken down further as identified in percentages of cyclists, motorists and pedestrians.

	Cyclists		Motorists		Pedestrians	
	% satisfied/ very satisfied	% dissatisfied/ very dissatisfied	% satisfied/ very satisfied	% dissatisfied/ very dissatisfied	% satisfied/ very satisfied	% dissatisfied/ very dissatisfied
Maxted Road zebra crossing	60%	23%	46%	33%	60%	26%

## Comments on the Maxted Road raised zebra crossing

Comments relating to the Maxted Road zebra crossing showed overwhelming support for a crossing at this point, even from those who objected to much of the rest of the scheme.

*'The Maxted road zebra crossing is so important. Its only a matter of a very short time before someone is hurt.'*

*' There's a lot of pedestrian traffic in the mornings and afternoons during the school rush. I feel a zebra crossing here will help make the area safer for pedestrians and more predictable for road users.'*

*'Our children go to the Belham school and I am very pleased to see that there will be a zebra crossing on Maxted Road.'*

*'I think road safety is a major issue, particularly on Maxted road and Bellenden road where hundreds of children have to cross with traffic coming from multiple side roads. Zebra crossings are essential here to prevent a collision happening in future.'*

*'The area around Maxted Road/Bellenden Road is currently quite hairy for pedestrians, especially those with young children. With so many parked cars, little visibility when crossing*

*and speeding drivers I have been almost run over on several occasions by drivers taking corners at speed without checking whether anyone is already crossing the road.'*

*'There is a desperate need for a zebra crossing across Maxted Road - 2 of my children go to the Belham, and whenever I drop them off, I always see parents and children dicing with death trying to cross at the dangerous road junction.'*

*'I support the introduction of the zebra crossing, but could the footway buildout not happen on the Belham School side, rather than the Sam's kebab side? The former is where the majority of the pedestrian traffic is (including a lot of buggies on the school run) and it's currently very tight as it wraps around the school's brick perimeter wall.'*

## **Recommendations**

Southwark Council has made a clear commitment to implementing the Southwark Spine and enabling cycling for all along cleaner, quieter routes. The current proposals for the section of the route from Peckham to East Dulwich has had extensive engagement with residents and cyclists at all stages of design.

It is recommended that the Maxted Road raised zebra crossing is implemented independently of the Southwark Spine so that it can be fast-tracked for following reasons:

- Urgency to improve pedestrian safety particularly for Belham Primary School pupils;
- High level of community support for the project;
- The raised zebra crossing is unlikely to impact the remaining proposals on the Southwark Spine.