

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Proposed Zebra Crossing & Road Safety Improvements

Linkfield Lane, Redhill



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Background

In September 2023, while crossing Linkfield Lane on their way to school, a grandmother and 2 children were involved in a collision.

Surrey County Council Road Safety Officers visited the school to assess the opportunities to improve the highway to make it safer to access the school. A feasibility study, funded by money allocated by County Councillor Natalie Bramhall, recommended implementing a zebra crossing close to the school gates, widening the footway, and removing on-street parking in the vicinity of the school gates.

The proposed road safety measures have the following objectives:

- Improve pedestrian priority and accessibility, including making it easier to cross Linkfield Lane and access St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.
- Encourage more children and families to walk, cycle or scoot to school.
- Remove the barriers to active travel to reduce congestion and air pollution at the school gates.

Proposed Works - A PLAN is available to view online here;

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/environment-and-infrastructure/st-josephs-school>

Raised Zebra Crossing

Zebra crossings give priority to pedestrians, drivers are required to stop and give way.

We propose to introduce a 4m wide zebra crossing on a raised table on Linkfield Lane, near to the school gates. The safety of pedestrians will be improved by the raised table as it will encourage drivers to reduce their speeds as they approach the zebra crossing. The new levels will also provide a milder gradient for the crossing users and will be beneficial for the visually/mobility impaired.

To allow for the crossing to be installed, it will be necessary to implement white crossing zig zag markings to prevent cars from parking and obstructing visibility between children, families, and motorists.

To make the area outside the school safer for children and families to walk and cycle to the school, we are also proposing to introduce parking restrictions on the school side of Linkfield Lane and remove the existing on-street parking facilities. This will mean a loss of approximately 15 car parking spaces. The loss in on-street parking must be balanced against the potential for improved safety in the area of the school.

Removal of existing Lay-by/Improved Public Space



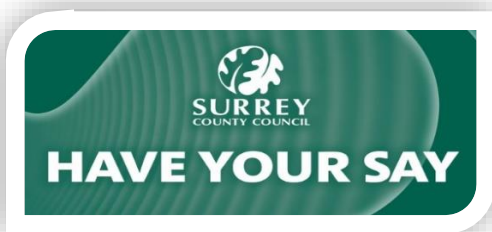
Examples of public space improvement designs

To facilitate a wider footway next to the zebra crossing the bus parking lay-by will be removed. Environmental enhancement measures will be introduced to create an improved public space for the benefit of all the community. Examples of possible features:

- Cycle stands
- Rain gardens with seat benches
- Appropriate greenery/trees/biodiverse planting

Funding

In response to a backlog of highway improvement schemes at around 50 schools across Surrey in 2022, the County Council allocated £3million over 3 years to deliver these schemes to support walking, scooting, cycling, reduce road casualties, tackle speeding, and make the journey to school easier and safer. St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is one of 11 schemes chosen to be delivered during year two.



Scan here to visit the consultation and complete the online survey.

Your views are important to us and will help decide whether the proposed measures should be introduced or whether changes should be considered to the scheme. We would therefore be grateful if you could complete the online survey, which is available using the above QR code or by visiting Surrey County Council's website:

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/environment-and-infrastructure/st-josephs-school>

If you would rather have a paper copy of the survey, then please request a copy by either calling 0300 200 1003 or email at highways@surreycc.gov.uk (quoting St Joseph's Primary School)

Please respond by Monday 10th June 2024 to have your say

What happens next?

All feedback will be fully considered once the consultation has closed, and the design might be amended in light of the comments received. We hope to build during the summer 2024 holidays at the same time as the planned road surfacing works for Linkfield Lane, though the exact timing cannot yet be confirmed.