

Rose Street traffic management proposal

Introduction

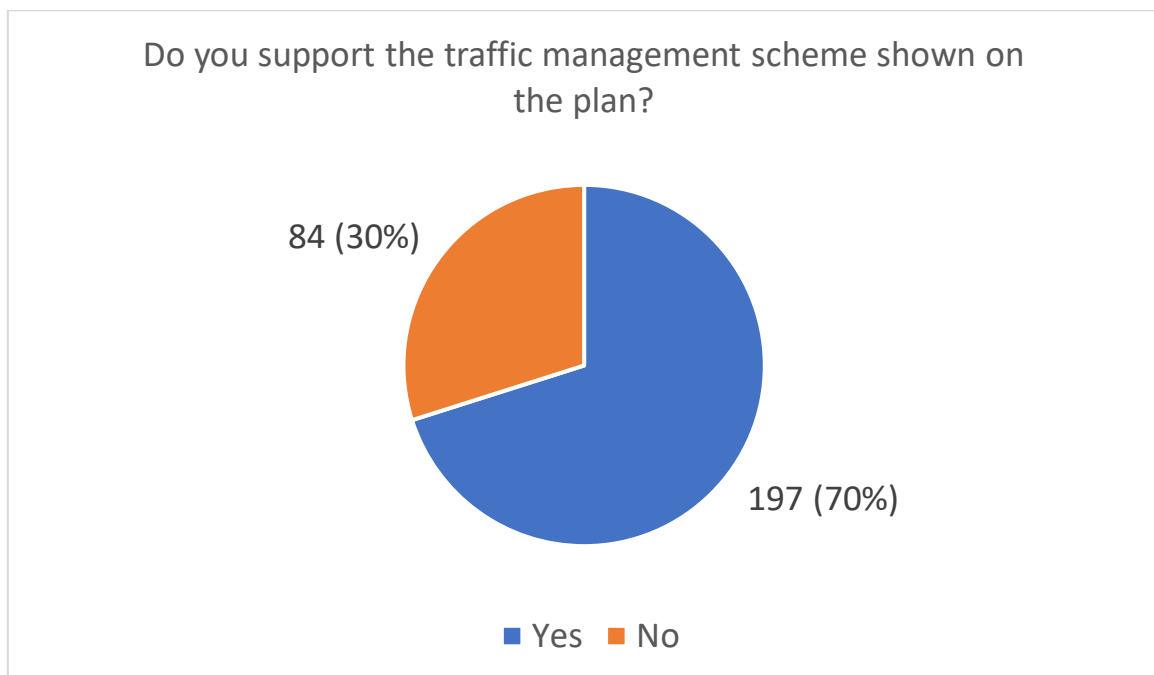
In 2020, we carried out an initial consultation with affected residents and businesses to see what impact our proposed scheme would have on them.

We listened to your feedback and modified the scheme, public consultation on the designs ran from 15 July to 9 September 2022.

The consultation was widely publicised across council run social media channels and in council e-newsletters, as well as being sent to town councillors and members and being picked up by local media.

Results

285 people responded to the survey, with the majority (75%) from the Wokingham area. Most responses were from residents, but organisations were also represented.



213 people commented on the proposal. Most people were supportive, and summary of comments is:

- Raised crossings improve access for those with mobility issues
- The current layout is dangerous, with vehicles going onto the wrong side of the road to avoid the width restriction
- The changes are long overdue

There were some comments and questions which the highways team have provided responses for:

The width restriction should be removed altogether

- The width restriction is necessary for road safety purposes

A zebra crossing would be preferable to give pedestrians priority and make a safer crossing

- it is not possible to provide a zebra crossing within an area that already has priority control, in this instance build-outs

Concern over whether larger vehicles, such as fire engines, ambulances and buses, will be able to access the road

- When we designed the scheme, we made sure that all relevant vehicles would be able to access the road

Speed limit should be reduced to 20mph

- The average traffic speeds are already below 15mph where the crossing is, and below 20mph along the rest of Rose Street, so at the moment there is no reason for the speed limit to be reduced.

The road should be made one way

- If the road was made one way, it would likely increase the traffic and make access harder for residents and those visiting homes and businesses on Rose Street.

Raised crossings cause confusion as to who has right of way

- There isn't any evidence to support this. The crossings will make it easier for 2 pedestrians to cross the road, but they should use the same degree of caution as they would when crossing any road.

Money should be prioritised elsewhere

- This is a decision for elected members of the council to take.

Concern about traffic back up along Rose Street

- We can't see any reason that the revised scheme would create traffic queues. The control over priority will likely stop some people from using Rose Street if they don't need to.

Next steps

The team have sent an analysis of the results to the executive member for active travel, transport and highways for review and we will send out an update once we have received one.