

Tennyson Street - Pedestrian island improvements 2021 – analysis of submissions

Overview

Consultation on the Tennyson Street - Pedestrian island improvements was open from 8 July to 16 August 2021.

I initially asked, via a letterbox drop, the people who were directly affected about the changes. I spoke to a resident who had been actively asking for changes on Tennyson Street for a while. She asked to send it to her contacts. To be able to capture more comments I opened a Have Your Say page. I also emailed St Peters School and Beckenham School about the proposed changes.

Feedback received

We received 53 submissions.

We asked for people's comments on the proposal, rather than if they supported or did not support the plans. People commented on more than one issue relating to the proposed pedestrian island.

The top theme that came out of the feedback was a proper pedestrian crossing. Twenty-Two people commented that a standard pedestrian island does not work at this location. Some of the comments stated that the island does not act as a safe crossing point, even our proposed wider version.

Thirteen people commented on lowering the speed along Tennyson Street. The comments stated that Tennyson Street gets busy especially at school drop off and pick up times. Reducing the speed would help the students and families cross the road, even if the speed was reduced at these times.

Twelve people made comments on installing a raised table instead of a pedestrian island. They want to make it clear that there is a crossing point, they also hoped that this would slow down the speed of vehicles.

Nine people mentioned that the current crossing point is too close to Norwood Street. They gave examples of vehicles turning right out of Norwood Street and having to brake hard if anyone was waiting to cross at the pedestrian island.

Other comments included;

- More crossing points
- Signalised crossing (lights)
- Something better than the proposed pedestrian island