

**CHARTRIDGE LANE - CHESHAM – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**  
**Proposed PUFFIN Crossing - Consultation Response Summary**

Do you agree with the proposal to install a signalised pedestrian crossing on Chartridge Lane, Chesham?

Respondee (& locality)	Response Description	In Support ✓	Not Sure ??	Not in support ☒	Respondee Comment
<b>Thames Valley Police</b>	Thames Valley Police Traffic Management Officer -Report	✓			Emailed Report - 30 March 2021 TVP have No Objections to the scheme proposals .
<b>Resident</b> Eskdale Avenue- Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site	✓			I think this is a great idea. It will make crossing, particularly when parents are parked outside the school, much safer and increase visibility for the students. It's in exactly the right location. I'm very pleased to see these plans as a parent of a child who walks to and from school every day.
<b>Resident</b> Waterside- Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site	✓			At long last the "authorities" are being proactive about road safety, which is long, long overdue, rather than waiting on the results of statistics accidents with all the potential for harm and grief...! Don't just stop at this crossing, really investigate the need for improvements of all the other pedestrian crossings in Chesham, because prevention is always better than a cure later on, let alone 'commiserations' after an incident.
<b>Resident</b> White Hill - Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site	✓			If signalled with traffic lights could these be timed to the school hours?
<b>Resident</b> Chartridge Lane - Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site	✓			WE AGREE WITH THE PROPOSAL. WE LIVE IN CHARTRIDGE LANE AND THE SPEED AT WHICH VEHICLES ARE COMING DOWN THE ROAD IS A SOURCE OF CONCERN. THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL WILL BETTER REGULATE SPEEDS DURING SCHOOL HOURS.
<b>Resident</b> Chartridge Lane - Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site		??		This is going to cause significant traffic all the way up and down chartridge lane during significant travel hours likely between 8-9:30. This is already an additional huge problem with parking outside the properties on chartridge lane, just up from penn avenue during school hours, especially school pick up time and this will only be exacerbated when cars are restricted from parking directly outside of the school. [REDACTED], that there are chevrons, there for a reason to protect the boundary of the houses and to allow residents to exit their driveways safely, however due to the parking on the opposite side of the road, these chevrons are used as the main part of the road which is very dangerous. This part of the road is also on a slight bend and therefore exiting these driveways is a matter of 'just going for it and hoping for the best'. Penn road, Hampden avenue and Beechcraft road will all be used to avoid the traffic lights causing significant issues during the rat run.
<b>Resident</b> Eskdale Avenue- Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site	✓			(No comments)

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<p><b>Resident</b>  Berkeley Avenue - Chesham</p>	<p>Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site</p>		<p>??</p>		<p>Dear Sir/Madam.</p> <p>It is very encouraging that the informal pedestrian facilities are going to be replaced with a formal facility.</p> <p>I would suggest installing a pelican crossing instead of a puffin crossing as pelicans have an aspect on the far side and are more legible than puffin crossing as long as the required louvres are in place. Will the aspects have LED lighting or will they be the old style lighting?</p> <p>Please ensure the traffic lanes are between 3.0 and 3.2m so they are safe for cyclists travelling up Chartridge Lane and down Chartridge Lane. If the lane widths are between 3.2-3.9m then this constitutes a 'danger zone' for cyclists as vehicles will try and overtake them and the friction for cyclists and vehicles is very uncomfortable. Hopefully you can narrow the lane widths and still the vehicle tracking works for entrance/egress from the Chiltern Hills Academy main entrance. This comment is valid for all highways in the UK and follows the most up-to-date version of the London Cycle Design Standards. With increasing numbers of cyclists in Buckinghamshire these standards become more and more relevant. I'm unsure whether the DfT has incorporated them into any Local Transport Notes or national guidance yet however.</p> <p>It is encouraging you are proposing to build out the kerbs. I would ask you to ensure that the gradients of the tactile paving on either side of the new pedestrian crossing are slight enough to make it easy for solo wheelchair users and those with pushchairs to operate. Please ensure the drainage is properly topographic surveyed to ensure slender gradients are possible and so there will be no ponding on the reconstructed footway or carriageway along this important location of Chartridge Lane for pedestrians.</p> <p>I take it a single zebra has been suggested for this location but rejected because of the long width and likelihood of misuse by impatient drivers at school opening and closing times? I take it you don't have the space to fit in a two stage zebra crossing with a wide enough central island in between? If you do perhaps that should be considered? Although you will not be able to build out the northern and southern footways if you do this.</p> <p>I'm very happy to advise or help/comment in regard for this facility or any others you may be planning on a voluntary basis as have been a Chesham resident for most of my 38 years and most of that time I have lived on Chartridge Lane so know it well.</p> <p>Please note these comments are very much in a private capacity.</p>

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<b>Resident</b> Lowndes Avenue - Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site	✓			The traffic on Lowndes Avenue is already tailing back when you try and join Chartridge Lane. This is especially more so during school start and end time. With this new crossing it will making leaving Lowndes Ave. even more difficult as the lights will be on red during this time, due to children using to cross.  This will mean more queues of traffic on Lowndes Avenue which will make it even more difficult for residents to leave their driveways. It is easy at the moment with constant stream of cars and children on the road at start and end of day and this will make it even more difficult.
<b>Resident</b> Chesham Road - Bellingdon	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site	✓			I very much agree with the proposal. Indeed, it is something I have pressed for over many years. As the school has expanded, a proper crossing has become even more important.
<b>Resident</b> Frances Street - Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site	✓			I think it's very important for this crossing to be installed. The number of students at the school set to increase & it's an incredibly busy road.
<b>Resident</b> Chartridge Lane - Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site	✓			A very necessary crossing for the safety of children at CHA, especially in view of the increasing size of the school and the increasing number of residential developments in Chartridge Lane in recent years. I rarely use the road at school opening and closing times, but when I do I notice that some cars will stop to allow children to cross, but others will not. The children do not know whether to cross or not at the existing traffic island. It creates a dangerous situation for everyone.
<b>Resident</b> Chartridge Lane - Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site	✓			It is an excellent idea and about time this is done. It is otherwise dangerous and difficult to navigate the area when the students are arriving and departing school.
<b>Resident</b> Brandon Mead - Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site	✓			(No comments)
<b>Resident</b> Penn Avenue - Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site	✓			Please ensure that general traffic is properly controlled and marshalled at busy times (school drop off and pick-up times), as there is already mayhem with parents executing u-turns in the junction of Penn Avenue/Chartridge Lane and blocking driveways and I am concerned that this will be exacerbated by the traffic lights. Can additional double yellow lines/parking restrictions be installed near the junction?
<b>Resident</b> Aylward Gardens - Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site	✓			I think this is a good idea as the current crossing situation at school times is dangerous, with the existing crossing solutions insufficient. Clear and early road signage will be vital, particularly heading up the hill from the town as cars can travel quite fast on that stretch of road.

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<b>Resident</b> Chartridge Lane - Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site	✓			I am all for the well being and safety of students and other pedestrians however, would it not be best to wait until the construction works at the school have been completed, as there will be an influx of vehicle traffic from the contractors during their busiest period of construction activities during the summer holiday period.  The above is assuming that there will be road closures and delays on the road which may impact the contractor's progress on site, causing delays to their works and therefore not only mean further noise in the long term for us local residents but also a cost increase to the school and council for the additional time the contractors are on site.
<b>Resident</b> Poles Hill - Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site		??		Much of the congestion and safety issues are related to the reduction in the width of the road outside the school by Penn Avenue from parents stopping to let passengers out of their vehicle and/or parking immediately outside the school. This reduces the traffic flow. Parents also do u-turns into Penn Avenue having dropped off their children and in the evenings cars park fully on the pavement at the top of Penn Avenue, reducing the vision for drivers entering Chartridge Lane from Penn Avenue. The children crossing the road are very good but the parents dropping them off are a danger to pedestrians and other road users.
<b>Resident</b> Chartridge Lane - Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site, & By Email	✓			I support the crossing proposals . BUT the major issue is parking outside the school and also the addition of children pick up and drop off outside the school and that part of Chartridge Lane where there is no footpath on one side. In addition the dangers of traffic leaving Penn Ave.  Consider NO WAITING AREA with yellow lines and traffic control checks.  The footpath on the opposite side to CHA is very narrow and on a number of occasions on driving into Chesham found young people moving into the road to pass groups without checking traffic.
<b>Resident</b> Westridge Close - Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site	✓			Placing a controlled pedestrian crossing will ease congestion along Chartridge Lane, however it doesn't solve the problem of the inconsiderate parking by the parents picking up and dropping their children as near to the school as possible some even letting their cars idle as they wait. They park on the pavement forcing pedestrians to walk in the road or up a muddy bank. It must be a nightmare for anyone with a pushchair/wheelchair. The bus stop is also used for parking and double parking makes it difficult for the bus to progress along the road.
<b>Resident</b> Great Hivings - Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site	✓			It does not look as if the t-junction at the top of Lowndes Avenue has been addressed in this proposal. It is already very dangerous turning right on to Chartridge Lane from Lowndes Avenue and a pedestrian crossing will impact the traffic backing up on Lowndes Avenue at school drop off and pick up

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<b>Resident</b> Wellfield - High Wycombe	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site	✓			My children go to Chiltern Hills Academy and this would be beneficial to anyone trying to cross as so many drivers don't stop when there are so many students trying to cross over to the other side.
<b>Resident</b> Aylward Gardens - Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site	✓			Hope further parking restrictions will be introduced. Cars dropping off and picking up children cause traffic chaos and also turn round at the junction of Penn Avenue and Chartridge Lane. This should be stopped.
<b>Resident</b> Chartridge Lane - Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site		??		Dear Sir/Madam Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the plans for the Chartridge Lane Signal Crossing. It is great to see that finally we have recognition of the fact that current island crossing is not fit for purpose and hasn't been for some time. Although the proposed Puffin crossing is an improvement in part on the existing Island crossing I do think that there are potential improvements that could still be made. The removal of the refuge island from the current crossing should be replaced with a raised section of road [Speed table] that will act as a traffic calming device for this busy stretch of Chartridge Lane. Cameras should also be considered as a deterrent for those that don't stop when the lights are red. Safety of pedestrians using the crossing should be paramount. I'm concerned that the Puffin crossing system will mean large numbers crossing and waiting to cross the road which the current pavement width cannot take safely. I see you have extended the paved area near to the crossing but not beyond. The pavement is narrow on the opposite side to the school and these sections need to be widened and the surface improved as it is impossible for a pedestrian to travel against the flow of students at a safe distance and without having to step into the road. An option of using the school playing fields to provide an alternative exit point for students out into Lowndes park has been put to CHA. This for my mind would ease the peak flows looking to cross Chartridge Lane and also those walking down the hill towards the town centre along the narrow pavement with a steep bank to the road. The zig zag markings I feel should be extended to make it less convenient for vehicles wishing to park near to the school. Hopefully this would deter the volume of traffic that appears at the end of the school day and maybe limit some of the anti-social behaviour which is all too common at this time.
<b>Resident</b> Lowndes Avenue - Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site		??		How have you tested that the signal crossing is necessary? Is there a PV2 analysis to show it is of benefit? Have you tested to see that you have the best location? Do more school children walk up (towards Chartridge) or down (towards Chesham) on Chartridge Lane? The crossing looks too close to the school access. Have you considered locating it further towards Chesham? to take the school access off the zig-zags.

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<p><b>Resident</b> Lowndes Avenue - Chesham</p>	<p>Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site</p>	✓			<p>I'm pleased to say that I think the pelican crossing is a great idea. The one bigger concern I have is regarding traffic volume and flow at the start and end of school day, which will only increase and worsen as the school grows in size.</p> <p>Please can you share with me the transportation improvement plans to remove vehicles from the roads, improve safety / traffic flow / environmental impact, and lessen the traffic impact on the residents of Chartridge Lane, Penn Avenue, Hampden Avenue and Lowndes Avenue.</p> <p>As residents of Lowndes Avenue, my wife and I see the highs and lows of vehicles every day, albeit considerably reduced during lockdown. However we have concerns over safety and efficiency of the transport scheme. We see coaches and lots of cars, and the resulting effect. We know that some pupils have to travel longer distances, or only by car due to where they live, but it would be great to have and see a pro-active approach to improving the situation overall.</p> <p>I know that the following scheme is in use at the school <a href="https://www.modeshiftstars.org/">https://www.modeshiftstars.org/</a> - a DfT funded scheme which supports schools and other organisations in making their environments more travel friendly, and not necessarily increasing car journeys.</p> <p>My own experience of making 3 large workplaces Cycling Friendly, each having over 500 staff in (3 other Counties), has enabled us to achieve accreditation and show staff we are serious about environmentally friendly travel.</p> <p>I am also in touch with Sustrans, a sustainable transport organisation who support making improvements to school environments, and who work across London and the UK in making positive changes. <a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/school-streets-improve-air-quality">https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/school-streets-improve-air-quality</a></p> <p>Please let me know the current transportation improvement plan being undertaken. I'll be very happy to support in any way I can to help improve safety, the environment and the keeping impact minimal on local residents. It is a huge opportunity to get this right by involving the right people from the school, council, roads and residents, with external support. I support the idea of arranging a park and stride scheme from Star Yard car park so that parents can drop students in the town centre and encourage them to walk the final stretch to school and remove cars from the roads adjacent to CHA. This may need back up with parking restrictions in those adjacent roads to encourage complimentary</p>

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<b>Resident</b> Chartridge Lane - Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site	✓			Although we agree with the installation of the signalised pedestrian crossing, we believe that the removal of the island that is currently there will result in an increase in the number of cars speeding up and down the road. We are very concerned about the cars that already speed along the road outside the school with the island in place, and when the lights are on green, there will be nothing to slow them down. A slight ramp at the crossing would surely be a solution to this.
<b>Resident</b> Chartridge Lane - Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site		??		We live near to the school so are only too aware of the current issues and the need for improvements to be made for safety reasons. The signals would no doubt cause even longer queues of traffic but the biggest concern is that the pavement on the opposite side of the road to the school is very narrow and not wide enough to accommodate a build up of school children waiting to cross, so they will inevitably spill out onto the road. This would also block the pavement for any other pedestrians attempting to walk past. The biggest need on that section of Chartridge Lane is for a widening of the pavement on the residential side of the road. Enforcement of illegal parking in the area is also required in order to lessen the current gridlock situation.
<b>Resident</b> Dell Close - Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site	✓			Long overdue and will also help slow traffic along Chartridge Lane.
<b>Resident</b> Chartridge Lane - Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site	✓			In addition to the crossing, you need to consider parking around the school. Where the zig zag lines stop, parking will start and this will cause safety and congestion problems on the road. The road is also extremely dangerous for the children leaving the school, the pavement opposite is far too narrow and it is difficult for residents to safely leave their drive around school times. Finally, there should be parking restrictions on Chartridge Lane to stop people who want to save on town parking fees parking there all-day. This will allow more parking for parents dropping and collecting children.
<b>Resident</b> Chartridge Lane - Chesham	Member of Public – Citizen Space BC Web-Site, & By Email		??		I am pleased to see the council is planning to install a signalised crossing outside Chiltern Hills academy. However, I do not feel the current plans are sufficient to address the road safety and access issues outside this school. In choosing to expand the numbers on the school roll, I feel the Bucks County Council has committed itself to expenditure on improving the transport/access infrastructure on approach to the school. The crossing is merely the first step in the right direction. The pavement on the North side of the road, opposite the school, from the site of the proposed new down to Lowndes Avenue crossing is too

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<p><b>Resident</b> Chartridge Lane - Chesham</p>	<p>Consultation Response by Email</p>		<p>??</p>	<p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>Thank you for sending your letter dated 9/3/21 regarding the proposed signalised pedestrian crossing on Chartridge Lane , Chesham.</p> <p>I was grateful you included the proposed plan drawings which included our house, where we have lived for the last 30 years.</p> <p>As you can see, the plans show at least half of the verge (opposite the school) being removed.</p> <p>We are very aware of the need for safety for the school pedestrians and understand your application. However, we would like to ask for clarification of the following points.</p> <p>1) You have marked the pine tree on the school side</p>	

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<p><b>Resident</b> Chartridge Lane - Chesham</p>	<p>Consultation Response by Email</p>		??		<p>Dear Design Services Team,</p> <p>I am writing in response to the signal pedestrian crossing consultation on Chartridge Lane, Chesham as a resident . This proposal has been a long time coming and I recognise its importance to enhance the safety of pedestrians and in particular the school children of Chiltern Hills Academy on such a busy road. However, I do have a number of concerns about the implications of the proposal in relation to the surrounding road structure which I will outline below.</p> <p>Firstly, Chartridge Lane already sees huge volumes of traffic during the peak school drop off and pick up hours, with queues of traffic going down and up Chartridge Lane. At present, a large number of parents park their cars haphazardly within the area of this proposal (see supporting images). As a result of the proposal, parents will look to park their cars elsewhere, namely higher up Chartridge Lane, Penn Avenue, Hampden Avenue and Lowndes Avenue, all of which are already at capacity.</p> <p>Secondly, the proposal is going to no doubt have negative implications on the surrounding side roads, as drivers will want to entirely avoid the traffic lights, using Penn Avenue, Hampden Avenue, Beechcroft Road and Lowndes Avenue as a rat run instead. What can be done to prevent this from happening and causing further disruption and chaos on these roads and for these residents? The proposal will also mean that more children are walking down these roads to meet their parents. Combine this with the drivers avoiding the traffic lights, will mean that the problem is likely to be shifted, causing the dangerous crossings and accident waiting to happen to be somewhere else.</p> <p>Thirdly, and probably the most concerning aspect of all is the implications that the proposal will have on the section of Chartridge Lane above Penn Avenue. I appreciate that construction work at Chiltern Hills Academy has started, resulting in the reduction of car park capacity, but the problems on the road have been there long before. Cars belonging to CHA teachers/students/parents park directly opposite 67 and 69 and outside properties 96-104 meaning that 2 cars then try to squeeze past the parked cars, using the 'half chevroned area outside of 67 and 69 (which was not replaced following resurfacing work 2 years ago) to do so (see supporting images). Residents at 96-104 have already put tree trunks on the grass to try to deter people parking here and thus reduce the traffic problems, but this has been without success as people obviously want to park as close as they can to the school and there is legally nothing there to stop them. The problems caused by this are quite extreme, and in fact incredibly dangerous for residents and drivers alike. The proposal will see traffic building up a long way up and down Chartridge Lane, likely to Berkeley Avenue or beyond, headed towards the town centre and even to the roundabout at the bottom of the hill (I have queued from here at times). However, I understand</p>

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<b>Resident</b> Chartridge Lane - Chesham	Consultation Response by Email		??		<p>Good Morning,</p> <p>Thank you for the hand bill concerning the new signal pedestrian crossing and whilst appreciating the importance of student safety, both sides of this piece of paper chooses to ignore the elephant in the room i.e. parking. Unless this issue is addressed and local residents clearly advised of how it is to be addressed, the provision of a crossing will create frustration for both drivers and residents. There never has been enough car parking on site at the Academy and street parking is an ever worsening problem.</p> <p>I am ever hopeful that the proposed expansion work at Chiltern Hills takes full and proper account of this</p>

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<b>Natural England Consultations Team</b>	Consultation Response by Email			No Comment	No Comments on proposals
<b>BC Elected Member</b>	Post consultation Email Cllr J. MacBean	✓			Cllr Birchley and I have been lobbying for this crossing for several years .....(and) that we are (fully) supportive of the plan.
<b>BC Elected Member</b>	Post consultation Email Cllr P. Birchley	✓			As Cllr MacBean has stated, we are fully supportive of the crossing.
<b>RESPONSE SUMMARY</b>	<b>TOTAL No. 38</b>	<b>In Support = 26</b>	<b>Not Sure = 11</b>	<b>Oppose = 0</b>	<b>No Comment = 1</b>