

Proposal to LHP

To upgrade of the existing Zebra crossing point on London Road in Stanway to a Pelican traffic light controlled crossing.

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1. Introduction and location

- 1.1. London Road is a busy main road leading on from Lexden Road to the east, a main route from Colchester Town centre to Stanway, Copford, Marks Tey and the A12. The route is used regularly by local traffic, commuters, emergency services and heavy good vehicles.
- 1.2. London Road is a main bus route serving the local area of Stanway, and acts as a main route for buses serving areas beyond Marks Tey including Braintree and Stansted Airport as well as shoppers visiting the nearby supermarkets, shopping centres, retail centres in development and leisure areas of Stanway in and around Stane Park.

1.3. London Road also serves as a backup route for the A12 during periods where the main A12 requires closing for emergencies or planned maintenance.

2. Usage and local area

2.1 During busy times, London Road crossing is used by many school children and parents who use this particulate crossing point as their main walking and cycling access from the northern half of Stanway to schools located south of London Road, along Chapel Road and Winstree Road.

2.2 The crossing is currently supported by a crossing patrol assistant in the morning and afternoon during school term times, to aid in children crossing London Road. There is no centre sanctuary point on this crossing.

2.3 Nearby, there is a mini-roundabout leading to Lucy Lane North, a bus layby for bus services heading east towards the town centre and a secondary bus layby for buses heading westbound serving Stanway, Tollgate and beyond.

2.4 Development work is being progressed to enhance the road network near the Sainsburys supermarket to increase the road width to accommodate two lanes of traffic in each direction as well as increased pedestrian crossing points, enhanced carriageway works leading to Stane Park retail and leisure parks. Works are also progressing to introduce traffic control lights at junction 26 on the A12 at Stanway.

2.5 The proposed upgrade from the existing Zebra Crossing to a Pelican traffic light controlled crossing will help to make this crossing point safer for pedestrians and cyclists to use, enhance visibility of the crossing point for drivers who may be unfamiliar with the area and help to manage traffic flow for junctions near Villa Road and London Road and New Farm Road and London Road, which can quite often be difficult to exit due to traffic load.

3 Consultation and support

3.1 Following an informal residents and visitor consultation on social media in April 2021, there were many comments in support of improvements to this busy crossing point. In total, 61 comments were submitted in total to the question of support for a proposed upgrade. There were no comments against. Some of the comments in support included:

a. The amount of people including school children that have to cross and the speed cars travel without slowing at the crossing is definitely increasing.

b. Yes please! Got nearly hit yesterday! First by a car going towards town then by a van going towards sainsbury!

c. Pelican crossing is definitely needed, the cars just dont stop.

d. Me and my partner have nearly been hit multiple times when pushing pushchairs.

e. I think that this crossing is so busy ,especially at school times, that it should be light controlled.

3.2 The proposed improvement to upgrade the crossing point to a Pelican traffic light controlled crossing are proposed and supported by myself Cllr Jeremy Hagon as ward councillor for Stanway and Cllr Paul Dundas as ward councillor for Stanway.

4 Funding opportunities

4.1 Stanway is to see more housing in the coming years with more new housing developments in Stanway raising the potential for s106 contribution funding.

4.2 The local area is soon to benefit from £70million investment in the form of Tollgate Village in the form of retail, leisure and business park.

4.3 Funding opportunities will exist in the form of s106 funding from the above mentioned developments for the reason of partial mitigation along with partial funding from ECC.

5 Location

5.1 London Road crossing highlighted in blue is located on London Road between Lucy Lane South (to the north) and Millers Lane (to the south). (image ©Google Maps)

