



Lytchett Minster and Upton Town Council

Consultation on the proposal for a pedestrian crossing in Dorchester Road, Lytchett Minster

Consultation dates: 30 July – 30 September 2024.

Consultation methods used: Consultation methods used included an online questionnaire and a paper questionnaire available via the Council's website and paper copies from the Council office. This was advertised via Facebook, the Council's website and advertising banners at key locations in the town which included a QR code to access the online survey.

A total of 154 completed questionnaires were received (95% online survey, 5% paper questionnaire), with 79% in support of the proposals.

Response to questions:

Which of the following applies to you?

I am a resident of Lytchett Minster: 30%

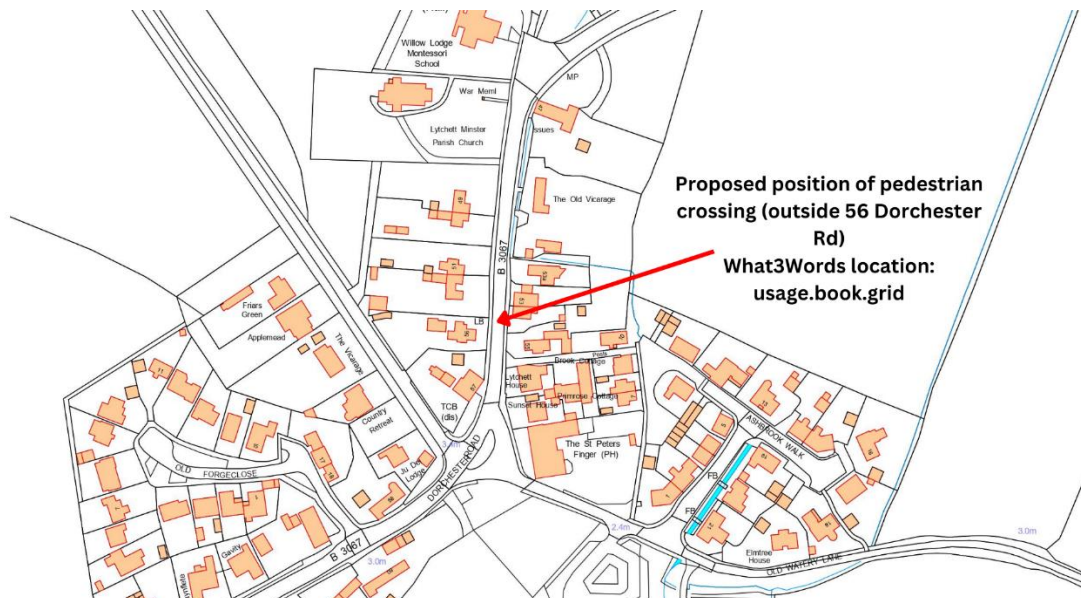
I am a Lytchett Minster School Pupil or Parent: 55%

None of the above: 15%

Do you agree with the proposed location? (see map below)

Yes: 79%

No: 21%



Please explain your reason behind your answer to the previous question.

Key points raised include:

- **Safety Concerns:** Many contributors highlight the dangers posed by the fast-moving traffic, particularly for school children, cyclists, and pedestrians. Numerous accidents and near misses have been mentioned, and residents emphasize the need for a safe crossing spot.
- **Proposed Location:** Various opinions are offered regarding the best place for the crossing. Some suggest a location near St. Peter's Finger Pub or the church, while others advocate for positions closer to bus stops, bends, or where children frequently cross. Some residents feel the crossing should be further from bends to ensure better visibility.
- **Speed and Traffic Issues:** Speeding is a major concern, with suggestions for reducing speed limits to 20mph and installing speed cameras. Many believe that while a crossing is necessary, traffic calming measures are equally important.
- **Mixed Reactions:** While most residents support the need for a crossing, a few express doubts about its effectiveness, citing issues such as parking congestion, poor driver compliance, and potential misuse of the crossing.
- **Additional Considerations:** Several comments mention the need for more than one crossing, better policing of traffic violations (like illegal parking), and improvements to local infrastructure, such as adding footpaths or addressing unsafe bends in the road.

In summary, the document reflects strong community support for a pedestrian crossing to improve safety, though opinions differ on the exact placement and accompanying measures needed to address broader traffic issues.

Are you travelling by (please circle):

Foot	47
Car (self-driving)	100
Car (passenger)	9
Bus	5
Bicycle	4

Please indicate the weekly frequency of crossing this stretch of road:

1-10	58%
11-19	24%
20-30	10%
30+	8%

Please indicate your age range:

0-16	8%
18-35	11%

35-65 67%

65+ 14%

Please indicate if you have a disability:

Yes 11%

No 89%

Summary of general comments – key themes:

1. **Need for a Crossing:** Many respondents support the installation of a pedestrian crossing due to the high traffic volume, particularly around school times, and the risks posed to children, cyclists, and pedestrians. There is a sense of urgency to prevent accidents, with mentions of previous incidents involving students.
2. **Traffic Calming:** A common suggestion is reducing the speed limit to 20 mph, especially around school areas, and installing speed cameras or bumps to slow down vehicles. Some believe that additional traffic control measures should accompany the crossing to ensure safety.
3. **Crossing Location:** Several comments discuss the ideal location for the crossing, with suggestions ranging from near the school to other busy points like Policeman's Lane. Some respondents propose having multiple crossings to accommodate different areas where students and residents frequently cross.
4. **Other Safety Concerns:** Issues like illegal parking near the school, narrow footpaths, and poor visibility around bends are repeatedly mentioned. Many believe these should be addressed alongside or even before the crossing is installed.
5. **Mixed Opinions:** While most are in favour of the crossing, a few feel that the crossing may not solve the underlying issues, such as speeding or bad parking. Some express concerns about noise from traffic lights or the potential for increased congestion.

In summary, the community strongly supports measures to improve road safety, particularly through the installation of pedestrian crossings, traffic calming, and better road management to protect school children and residents.