



Some responses provided to online survey about use of the road crossings and roundabout near St Sidwell's Point

General

- Whilst a great aspiration to design a 'passive house' swimming school the public realm design and approach around it are ill-considered and very unfriendly to pedestrians. Main access approach is clearly considered as via the car park/bus station and not the residential areas around the site.
- I'm really frustrated because I can't leave my older children go to the pool by themselves. The cars don't stop at all, on the contrary they accelerate coming from the roundabout and there are no lights, bridge, zebra crossing or anything to protect them. I myself have been waiting several minutes before I've managed to cross despite the fact that I was walking with a stick; drivers don't care. We cannot leave the safety of pedestrians up to the good intentions and good manners of drivers. Pedestrians are the maximum priority. I pay my taxes like everyone else, Why am I at the bottom of the priorities on the streets? We are failing our children can when even new infrastructures don't take them in account.
- It's a nightmare to cross here
- Cars come speeding through the roundabout and it's often uncertain where they will go. Combine this with the long time it takes to wait for the crossing by the hotel and it often take me 5 mins to walk about 100 metres!
- Exeter traffic is far too directed towards motorists.
- I visited recently, and found it is still easy for vehicles, and awkward on foot or bicycle. The traffic in general isn't breaking any speed limits, but drivers have an urgency and determination to hurry up that makes it hard to decide whether to cross or not.
- I am definitely in favour of making these crossings safer for pedestrians
- I have seen people running across between the traffic - I think a proper crossing would be a great improvement, especially for children, people with pushchairs, etc.
- I've had several near misses on these dangerous crossings
- I have accompanied my child's primary school class as a volunteer when walking to the pool and back (from Ladysmith Junior School) and we all found the crossings hairy. My older children (high school age) attend teen gym and swimming sessions at SSP, and I worry about them crossing the road. They are sensible kids but you can't trust the vehicles - I have seen them!
- **Longer walk to avoid dangerous crossings**
I always end up walking further than I need up Paris street to feel safe when I cross the road. So changed my route to use Cheeke st but still feel like I am taking my chance and always grip my 8 year olds hand when we cross.

Cheeke St

- These crossings have been dangerous for decades. It is impossible to second-guess whether traffic will be turning into Cheeke Street from the roundabout. Of all the roads I cross in Exeter Cheeke Street by the Western Way roundabout is the one with most risk and uncertainty attached.
- Very dangerous crossing given the number of children going to and from the pool. The stairs [from the swimming pool] go straight down toward the road and cars have no reason to slow or be more vigilant. Difficult to know which cars are coming off the roundabout and you almost have to run across if one exits the roundabout unexpectedly. Needs better planning and crossing point.
- I'm a fit and active 70 year old and I find it very difficult to cross that road. Drivers are focussed on negotiating the busy roundabout and don't take account of pedestrians. There will be a serious accident one day (I hope it's not me!)
- I had to cross Cheeke St this morning and it only reinforced my and other people's concerns about the junction. I am genuinely surprised that there hasn't been an accident there (as far as I am aware). I should add that generally I am definitely not a nervous or hesitant pedestrian!
- I volunteer at the hospital on Friday afternoons and have to use the crossing to get to the bus station at around 5pm. At this time on Fridays the traffic is very heavy and travelling very fast. You take your life in your hands trying to weave your way through - often two lines of - traffic rushing home on Friday evenings.
- Cheeke St. is the worse of the two. One relies and the goodwill of motorists more often than not a busy times, but with two lanes misunderstandings can arise. I am fairly quick and agile, but I definitely would not want to cross these at busy times were I not.
- The buses and post office staff zoom around this area, there are students everywhere and the road is wide and difficult to see past a waiting bus. The traffic off Paris st roundabout is also very fast and crossing towards the Triangle car park is like running a gauntlet.

Cycling

- In addition I'd like to see better cycle lanes, and priority for buses in this whole area.
- I often cycle to the swimming pool and think the roundabout is hugely unsafe for cyclists
- I cycle around this area for work fairly regularly and the whole area is awful for both pedestrians and bikes. Its pretty awful as a driver as well. The whole area needs rethinking for pedestrians.