

DOUGLAS SQUARE FACEBOOK @ 10-12-22

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VERBATIM COMMENTS

1. **Catherine Jamieson** Very good idea
2. **Johanna Maria Mcleod** Good idea **Sandy Richardson** Well said Paula, can I add the parking at road ends, you are in middle of road before you can see what's coming.
3. **Beryl Fraser-Stockdale** People will not use the crossing area. So why waste money put it into something more proactive.
4. **Chris Hartley** I wonder if this will stop the current, post 20mph speed limit, trend of folk just walking out into the road? 🤔 A couple of days ago this happened yet again to me and I stopped. The lady in question got 3/4 of the way across before she looked around an...
5. **Moirra Blaikie** **Chris Hartley** its a Hawick thing, nobody uses crossings there either
6. **Adrian Downey** A Pelican crossing is possibly a good idea but the proposed location isn't. Between the spar and the butchers is probably the most used area for crossing the main street so surely common sense dictates this would be a more suitable location. Yes, parking for shop users would be impacted but in reality cars parked along this stretch actually add to the issue of crossing the road safely, creating blind spots for both pedestrians and motorists.
7. **Barbara Dixon Mitchell** **Adrian Downey** totally agree re everything you say and the location. With the additional fact that we are all aware, there was a tragic terrible accident near the Butchers and Spar relating to crossing the road, so as you say common sense should surely ...
9. **Paula Downey** Personally.. I can't see anyone walking from the Spar to a crossing in the square to get to the butchers. Don't believe it would be used. So.. a waste of money. All vehicles should park in the square leaving the area around spar and the butchers clear ...
10. **Jackie Johnstone** **Paula Downey** you took the words out of my mouth, I would think this is the place where the majority of people will cross, and as cars park either side of the road there it makes me wonder why this area wasn't considered
11. **Jackie Johnstone** The one in langholm is rarely used, infact it's in a central area, but folk still cross at londis to go to the paper shop
12. **Caz Adamson** I'm all for whatever makes it a safer community. Living on the main St we see so many vehicles who can't seem to stick to 20mph.
13. **Vikki Pounder** **Caz Adamson** sadly Caz don't think it would make any difference and I wonder who would actually use it placed in the square area there
14. **Lynn Williams** **Caz Adamson** only answer to that is speed cameras to enforce the 20 mph. **Caz Adamson** **Lynn Williams** could be the answer, then no need for a crossing.
15. **Helen Scott** **Vikki Pounder** I would!
16. **Vikki Pounder** **Helen Scott** that's great Helen if you could get a list of names of people who would use it like yourself and send to sbc that would help them decide it is a consultation and they are looking for responses vikki
17. **Helen Scott** I should have said I'd use it wherever it is!!
18. **Lynn Williams** **Vikki Pounder** I wouldn't!
21. **Susan Herschy** I think one at a time. Start with speed cameras, then a zebra crossing. Then speed bumps. It's hard to pull out onto the Main Street in a car never mind walking your half way onto the main road before you can see anything. !!
22. **Rod Groom** Why not put a traffic calming structure (One lane) in near spar and one at the bank creating slower traffic flow through the whole busy area rather than spoil the aesthetic of the square. Could even provide more parking space near spar and the butchers if cars could park diagonally? Not convinced that there is actually a problem needing fixed in the first place though?

Speed sensitive traffic lights at either side of the square could also be considered. They have them in Springholm near Dumfries.

23. **Adrian Downey Rod Groom** passive traffic calming as you mention is a good idea, I would go as far as narrowing the road in all 3 squares as this may slow traffic down along more of the length of the village rather than just the main square. Not sure about diagonal parking though.
24. **Craig Armstrong Rod Groom** good point about the aesthetic. It is supposed to be a conservation area. SBC don't seem to care about that given their recent projects.
25. **Old Lobster Claws** · Wouldn't this crossing be safer at the Montague st Whitchester st crossing? There would be "NO PARKING" On the north side of the crossing, then restricted parking on the south side. Actually there should be no need to park on the main road as there is...
26. **David Irving Nixon** Would look more like an inner city suburb than a lovely country village money could be better spent elsewhere
27. **Susan Armstrong** I totally agree with other people this would be a total waste of money as people would not use I do agree that traffic needs to be slowed down but I feel the speed bumps would not be such a good idea it would be okay for cars but when the wagons were t...
28. **Helen McGillivray** I'm not sure many people would use it, maybe speed cameras would be the way to go, there's a lot of cars that don't seem to comply with the 20mph limit rule.
29. **Diane Adamson Helen McGillivray** I agree, I just don't think traffic lights are the answer?
30. **Samantha Lamb Helen McGillivray** definitely, would hopefully make drivers adhere to the speed limit throughout the village, not just in the center.
31. **Camille Juliff** Some good comments here - hope they are all being taken into the consultation. If we have to have something.....occasional speed bumps throughout the village extending to the outer signs. Not a fan of the offer/ask for traffic lights - as don't believe they will be used especially where proposed- that is the area of greatest visibility for pedestrians already. Putting a crossing outside the Spar/ butchers makes sense (but will adversely affect trade). Would prefer it stays as it is with no further restrictions.
32. **James Brown** Also you can't have double glazing windows in the square but you can have a set of traffic lights?
33. **Old Lobster Claws** · Pert twee: how about traffic lights at the top of the square! With the ability for pedestrians to cross each road on red lights...North Hermitage, South Hermitage, Montague St and Whitchester St.
34. **Craig Armstrong** Is there some sort of evidence to support this or is it just that some people have reported concerns? If there's an issue with accidents that this will reduce, then I'm all for it but if it's just happening for the sake of happening then I don't see the point. I'd like to see what the problem is that it's going to solve?
35. **Julie Cuthbert Craig Armstrong** obviously the terrible accident that happened to Sandra ,and the fact that there are many others with eyesight problems ,it's a difficult one to get the precise location correct as you must leave a certain amount of space where parking ...
36. **Craig Armstrong** I think it would be a good idea to put in a temporary crossing first and see if anybody uses it. I don't think many will. I could be wrong but a temporary crossing would prove me wrong. This is supposed to be a conservation area. LED 20mph signs and traffic lights aren't in keeping with the aesthetic. Other options for traffic calming measures might be more appropriate.
37. **Julie Cuthbert Craig Armstrong** I go for the safety of our community over any conservation area ,greg
38. **Craig Armstrong Julie Cuthbert** me too. Absolutely, couldn't agree more but I would at least try to consider all the implications before just unilaterally deciding that this is happening. I don't want the village to end up with an ugly crossing that nobody uses.
39. **Craig Armstrong Julie Cuthbert** probably also worth noting that the conservation area status is a legal protection. If we're just going to ignore it, then let's have it annulled. Let private individuals do what they want the same as the community council and SBC do. It's completely ignored the whole time until someone wants to put a shed in their garden.
40. **Julie Cuthbert** Hopefully that can happen one day very Soon
41. **Craig Armstrong Julie Cuthbert** hopefully not. My point was rhetorical. It would be a sad day when we abandon our history, our character and our heritage. Not to mention our property value. I'd question the integrity of any community council who would find the idea as anything but abhorrent.

42. **Barbara Dixon Mitchell** Adrian Downey totally agree re everything you say and the location. With the additional fact that we are all aware, there was a tragic terrible accident near the Butchers and Spar relating to crossing the road, so as you say common sense and logic should surely dictate this is around the area the crossing should be.
43. **Libby Elliot** I disagree with Ms Gilhooly who says she has never seen anyone park on the roadside there so loss of parking from the zigzags would not be an issue. Traffic does park there during events like the festival and for busier funerals for instance. I've seen vans and wagons park there to use the shops so it would be a negative impact on trade to stop them. Would the bus stops have to be moved? It's bad enough trying to drive out of Langholm Street at present so moving the buses nearer that junction would make it more difficult. Finally I don't think a crossing would be used by the people who maybe should use it and as mentioned by many the busiest crossing is between the Spar and the butchers and I just can't see people walking down to the square to use the crossing instead of using the shortest route.
44. **Lynn Williams** Leave things alone, it's a village! Surely folk have the common sense to be able to cross the road safely! Is there a study showing how many accidents have actually happened in the last 10/20 years. I would wager any are caused by lack of attention by pedestrians! People will not use a crossing in the middle square, sadly people are too lazy to walk the extra distance. Enforced penalty speed cameras are the only answer 🙄
45. **Denis Mackeen** Really! What's wrong with standing at the roadside until what "traffic" there is passes. Could think of many better ways to spend the money in the village e.g. the state of the roads and pavements etc
46. **Rachel Lewis Denis Mackeen** there are some people who can't see well enough to gauge how far away traffic is. A crossing would give them better peace of mind.
47. **Moira Blaikie Denis Mackeen** too much like common sense
48. **Judith Walsh** Perhaps solid lines preventing cars parking so close to junctions might be enough to aid both pedestrians and other drivers? Currently cars are able to park far too close to junctions and it really hinders visibility for everyone.
49. **Libby Elliot Judith Walsh** that was being discussed in the 90's when I was on CC with your mum. Parking, flooding, bottle banks and wood wagons were the topics of the day 🤔
51. **Angela Charlton** If people picked a more convenient place to cross rather than 1. in-between parked cars 2. right at road junctions there wouldn't be an issue . .
52. **Diane Adamson** What a waste of money, this is a village not a town, folk aren't going to use it, the 20mph is enough, folk just need to take time and use the green cross code??
53. **Katrina Skelton Diane Adamson** The 20 mph is not enough, if you live on the Main Street, the speed of traffic is an issue, and it's all vehicles not just delivery vans and timber lorries.
54. **Adrian Downey Katrina Skelton** passive speed control eg fixed chicanes and road narrowing would be a more sensible option, and not just in the centre of the village either, we see the issues living where we do.
55. **Katrina Skelton** Once people heading north get past the shops and fuel station they increase their speed, so something has to be done to slow them down.
56. **Caz Adamson Katrina Skelton** I agree ,we see at this end too.
57. **Diane Adamson Katrina Skelton** I personally don't think traffic lights at a pedestrian crossing in the middle of a conservation village are the answer... zebra crossing maybe?
58. **Adrian Downey Diane Adamson** problem with a zebra crossing is that a motorist has no legal obligation to stop at it (unless a pedestrian has already stepped onto it) so traffic lights take away that uncertainty for pedestrians and motorists.
59. **Diane Adamson Adrian Downey** I get that but it's something and better than traffic lights plus a lot of people won't even bother using it, waste of money plus we're in a conservation area how can this be pleasing to the eye and enhancing the village?
60. **Eric Mitchell Diane Adamson** not as if you can't see up the street in each direction
61. **Diane Adamson Eric Mitchell** this is also very true
62. **Adrian Downey Diane Adamson** totally agree Diane, what ever installation that is finally put in needs to address ALL issues, safety, usability, and aesthetics rather than just any old dictate from St Boswells
63. **Jennifer Adamson Diane Adamson** exactly 👍
64. **Katrina Skelton Trish Hetherington** it is Trish

65. **Trish Hetherington** **Katrina Skelton** and its not the young ones
66. **Katrina Skelton** **Trish Hetherington** ha ha your right it's not just the young ones!
68. **Andrew Bowman** I question the cost effectiveness of a crossing, people aren't going to walk from the Spar to the crossing and then back to the Butchers and I can't see the children coming off either the Langholm Academy or HHS buses using a crossing no matter where it is.
69. **Mark Hudspith** Bit of a waste of money as unlikely to be much used. A cheaper Zebra Crossing would be better, but still unlikely to be used much.
70. **James Brown** What's a waste of money, put a zebra crossing in
71. **Alison Nixon** What next ..a lollipop man 😊xx
72. **Giles Moore** **Alison Nixon** A bypass !?
75. **Jim Rowan** Why so near the junction of Montague Street & whitcheater Street, are the traffic lights going to be two way. Why not have the crossing right in the middle of the Square where the bus stop, & phone box are.
76. **Author Copshaw Community** **Jim Rowan** this site was identified by SBC to support the most users crossing the road at the safest point. School children, shoppers etc. Moving it more central will reduce car parking capacity given the zig-zag restrictions required on either side.
77. **Jim Rowan Copshaw Community** is there not enough parking space in the Square, a crossing in the centre of the Square would mean the Main Street in Douglas Square would be parking free, Pedestrian safe. Even the bus stop could be moved into the Square with no safety concerns.
78. **Neil Thomson** **Adrian**, disagree, whats wrong with people walking that we bit further to cross the road. In the middle of the square would be better & also stop lorries parking either side of the road. Personally speed bumps would also slow traffic down
79. **Adrian Downey** **Neil Thomson** I get your point mate I'm just saying that the area around the spar/butchers is probably the area where people cross most frequently yet it has the worst visibility for crossing due to parked vehicles who's owners are in said shops. In my opinion putting a crossing here would
 - A. Create a safe point to cross in an area already busy with pedestrians.
 - B. Inhibit convenience parking outside the shops which presently creates a safety issue
 - C. Actually get used.
80. That said, this is what the consultation needs, various opinions, so hopefully a justified final outcome can be realised.
81. **Craig Armstrong** **Neil Thomson** I would agree that speed humps might be a better option. I'd still want it to be solving a problem that actually exists though. Lowering the speed limits wasn't evidence based and in some places (a68 through Jed, for example) is completely uncalled for.
82. I think **Adrian** is right about the location too. You'll have to cross three roads to get from the butchers to the Spar.
83. **Joey Adamson** Spoiling the village, money could be spent elsewhere, flood defences?
84. **Pauline Elliot** **Joey Adamson** totally agree with you there! Money could be better spent.
85. **Callum Nixon** **Joey Adamson** and roads
86. **Lesley Sanderson** I can't believe this.....
87. **Penny Ogston** **Lesley Sanderson** neither can I!