

61728 Pedestrian Crossings - Upgrades and Installs

Please could I be provided with the most up to date version of any policy or manual used in decision making when considering whether to install or upgrade a pedestrian crossing.

I would also be grateful to receive any other guidance relevant to the assessment of pedestrian crossing sites.

In response to your queries regarding the assessment of pedestrian crossing requests, the Road Safety Team has recently updated the Council's pedestrian crossing assessment process to provide a broader and more balanced approach to prioritising locations for investigation and potential improvement.

The updated framework, approved by the Council in November last year, has been developed to better reflect current travel patterns, accessibility requirements, community priorities, and wider road safety considerations. The revised approach places less emphasis on PV² assessments (a traditional methodology based on pedestrian and vehicle flow volumes) and instead uses a weighted assessment process considering a wider range of factors.

As part of the revised process, members of the public will be able to submit pedestrian crossing requests through an online mapping system by identifying a location and providing information about the crossing difficulties experienced. Requests will then be reviewed using an initial assessment matrix to help prioritise locations for further investigation.

The assessment process considers a range of factors including:

- Existing crossing facilities nearby
- Traffic conditions and speed limits
- Presence of footways and cycle infrastructure
- Nearby schools, healthcare facilities, shops, and community destinations
- School travel audit information
- Vulnerable road users
- Collision history
- Pedestrian and traffic volumes
- Pedestrian delay and road width
- Residential density
- Feasibility and cost considerations

Locations identified as priorities through the initial review may then progress to a more detailed assessment undertaken by a Road Safety Officer.

Where schemes are taken forward to design stage, proposals would be developed in accordance with relevant guidance, including the Edinburgh Street Design Guidance.

Depending on the scale and nature of the proposal, schemes may also be subject to the Road Safety Audit process.

The revised framework is currently being finalised and tested prior to being made publicly available through the Council's website. Further information will be shared with Elected Members and Community Councils in due course.