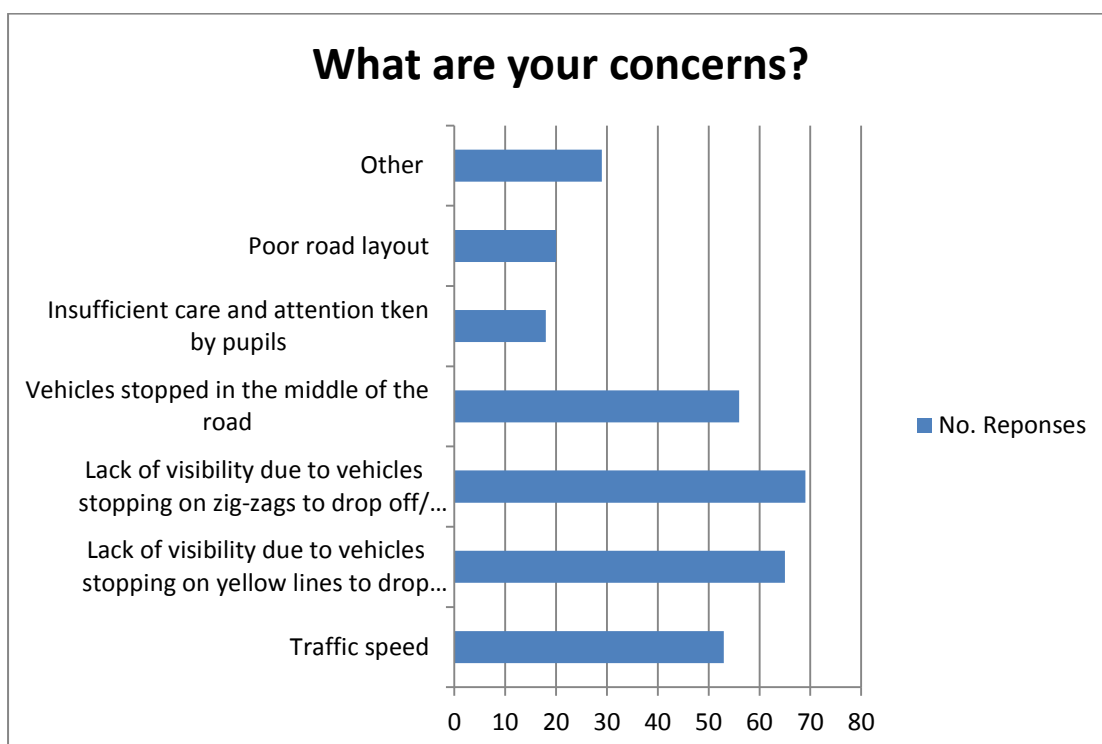


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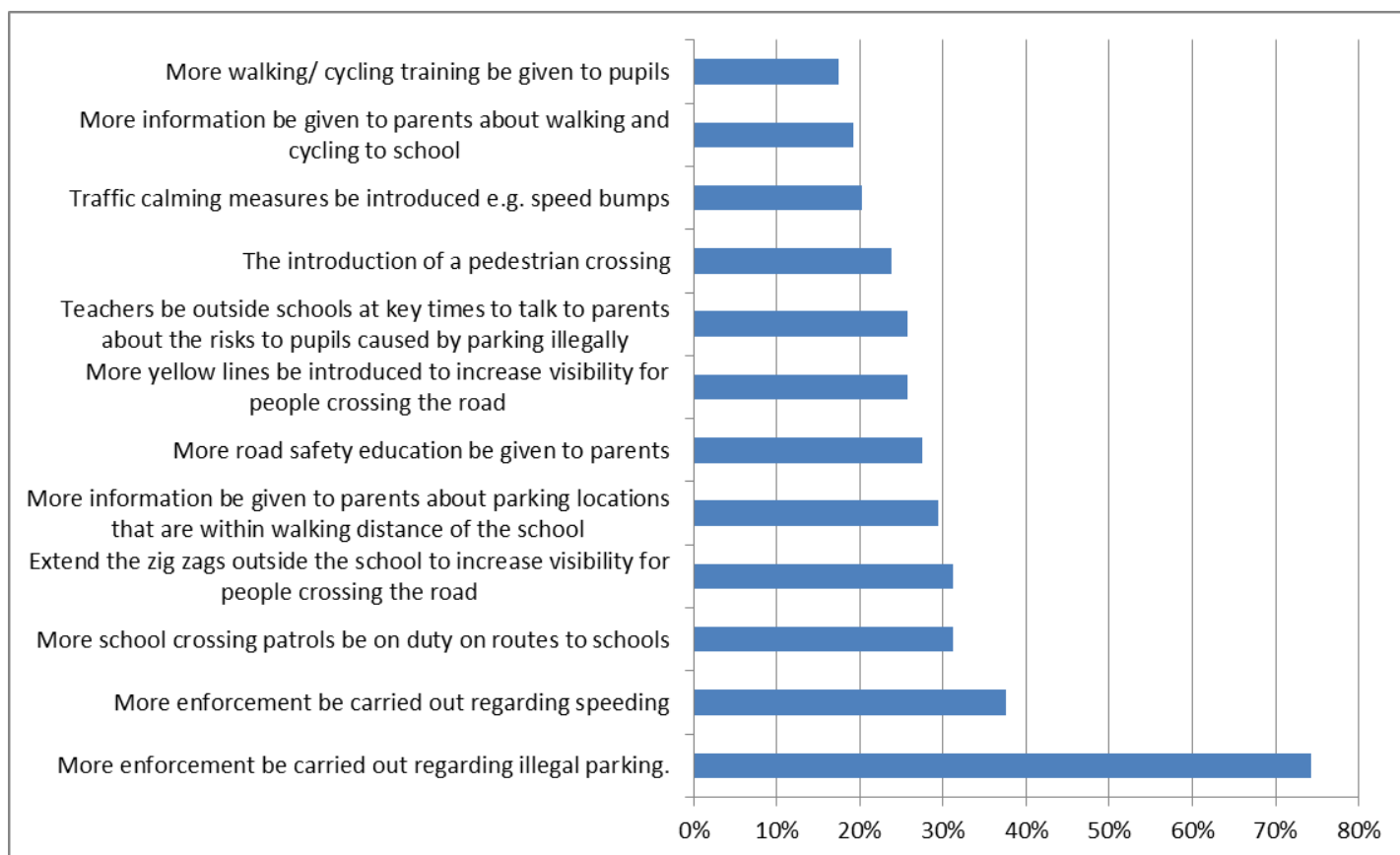
A consultation was carried out between 30 November and 15 December 2014 to seek the views of teachers, governors and parents of pupils at local schools. The conclusions can be summarised thus:

- There were 155 respondents: 112 parents; 37 governors; 1 teacher; 1 headteacher and 4 - did not say.
- Most (14.7%) had children in years 2 and 4.
- 43% - walk every day. 23% walk most days.
- 20% - drive every day and 3% cycle every day.
- 47 respondents were answering about primary schools, 40 for junior, 32 for infant and 6 all-through.
- 44% of responses said that there was a SCP linked to the school. 12.86% of respondents did not know.
- 84.17% of respondents said that they felt pupils are at risk on the roads immediately outside their children's school at the start and/or end of the school day. When rating their concern on a scale of 1-7 (1 representing a low level and 7 - the highest) 67% rated the level of their concern at 5 or above. The average was 5.4.



NB: respondents were invited to tick all that applied.

When asked what they thought could be done to improve road safety outside schools, the responses were:



When asked who they consider responsible for pupils' safety outside school, 85.59% said parents, 70.27% the council and 53.15% law enforcement. Only 45.05% said it was the school's responsibility.

Here is a summary of the concerns raised by parents:

- Parking on corners, zebra crossings, in disabled bays without displaying blue badges, in the yellow cross-hatch 'emergency vehicles only' space, blocking driveways, on zig-zags, the middle of the road and on yellow lines.
- Some drivers double and even triple park
- Lack of visibility
- Verbal abuse from drivers who are challenged about their parking.
- Heavy volumes of traffic
- Careless driving - reversing at speed and mounting the pavement
- Drivers don't indicate properly
- Lack of attention by pupils crossing the road
- Cycle paths are inconsistent, poorly marked, rarely enforced and not designed for parents to cycle alongside children.
- Cycling on pavements putting pedestrians at risk
- Public transport is expensive, slow.
- Cars jumping the red lights regularly at the Waverley Road/ Albert Road junction.
- Lack of SCPs particularly in Waverley Road and not just at junctions

Several respondents reported regularly witnessing near misses involving children.

Suggestions to improve the situation included:

- More enforcement (the majority of respondents wanted to see more enforcement)
- Install red lines as a deterrent
- Lower the speed limit in Waverley Road
- Extend the yellow lines in Taswell Road to the junction.
- Remind all parents of the school travel policy every year
- Create a safe walking zone outside the school
- Extend the double yellow lines on corners to improve visibility
- Create more joined up cycle routes and lanes
- More park & ride to reduce the number of cars in the city
- Install a pedestrian crossing on Pembroke Road
- Enforce the 20mph speed limit where in force