



SURFACE TRANSPORT

DESIGN BEST PRACTICE NOTE

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Streetscape Guidance: pedestrian guardrail at staggered crossings

Changes to Streetscape Guidance details

To support the programme for the removal of pedestrian guardrail (PGR) without a proven safety need, Roads Directorate presented a proposal to the Streetscape Review Group (SGR) on 23 June and the following was approved:

The streetscape detail TfL/SG02 showing an island with a raised kerb and no PGR is the 'standard' for the TLRN.

The streetscape detail TfL/SG03 showing an island with PGR is withdrawn.

The installation of any new PGR and the reinstatement of existing PGR (eg after footway works) on the TLRN will be treated as an exception to Streetscape Guidance and will require SRG approval.

SRG recommended that periodic reviews should be undertaken to record any problems, especially changes in collision numbers.

Note: Olav Ernstzen of IDAG¹ offered a view to the Chair of SRG (passed onto Roads Directorate) and advised TfL to ensure accessible crossings (and space) so that everyone feels safe when using them.

PGR removal phase II

The next phase of PGR removal will commence with a presumption against PGR and will focus on Central London and town centres. The programme of removal will be informed by the road safety audit process instead of the use of a GRAF². The programme is to be led by the Safety, Risk & Design Services team and supported with local knowledge from the Highways Route Managers in the Roads Directorate.

The programme is sponsored by Ben Plowden, BRaP Director: *"We have had tremendous support across TfL and the HMWCs in reviewing how we can learn from previous works and these measures along with the Phase II project provide an opportunity to have an immediate impact on improving London's urban streetscape for years to come."*

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Notes:

1. IDAG = TfL's Independent Disability Advisory Group.
2. GRAF = Guardrail assessment form which is currently under review to ensure it is fit for use by an engineer when designing a scheme.

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