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WALKING AUDIT REPORT LA VRANGUE/LA RAMEE – CROSSING POINTS

1.	Introduction
	<p>Living Streets has been approached by a member of the public, Helen Sheppard, who lives in La Ramee who is concerned about the dangers for pedestrians trying to cross the roads in this area. There are a number of pedestrians, including elderly residents, who regularly walk to Guernsey Post's Envoy House. Although there are two new zebra crossings in Le Vrangue near Millbrook Estate, there are no safe crossing points near Envoy House or at the junction with Le Couture.</p>
2.	Site findings
	<p>I surveyed the area on Friday 14th February between 10.15am and 10.45 am. So after the rush hour when there is less traffic. Even so there was constant traffic turning into Le Vrangue from Le Couture and La Ramee and also quite a lot of traffic from the Bouet area in the other direction plus traffic going into and out of Envoy house. The problem for a pedestrian wishing to cross the road is that the traffic is coming at you from so many different directions – particularly at the junction with Le Couture. Apart from Helen Sheppard an elderly gentleman and an elderly lady both confirmed Helen's concerns.</p> <p>The speed limit in the area is 25mph but particularly on the main road (Le Couture going towards La Ramee) it seemed that traffic was travelling faster than 25mph.</p> <p>The pavement is a reasonable width on the right hand side between Envoy House and the Le Couture/Ramee junction but the road narrows as it reaches the junction and vehicles mount the pavement – another issue mentioned by Helen.</p> <p>There are bus stops each side of the road just before you get to Envoy House coming from the Vrangue estate end.</p>
3.	Recommendations
	<p>There is no doubt in my mind that there is justification for a zebra crossing for pedestrians to access Envoy House. I think the best position for it would be near the bus stops.</p>

The most dangerous crossing, however, is the one at the Couture junction. Vehicles are coming out of La Vrangue and turning left or right, and vehicles are entering the Vrangue from both Le Couture and La Ramee. Sight lines crossing from La Ramee to the Tobacco Factory are not good.



Crossing to Envoy House from here is very difficult.



Bus stops on approach to Envoy House – suggest best position for a zebra crossing – good sight lines. However would need to allow for the zigzags.



The road narrows on the approach to the Couture junction and vehicles mount the pavement.



La Ramee – no pavement to cross onto to access Le Vrangue.



This is where the pavement ends and it is the most difficult place to cross. Vehicles coming and going in different directions and quite a wide road to cross.

Maybe a central reservation or bollard to help pedestrians?

Alternatively continue the pavement along La Ramee?



From the other side of the road, crossing at this junction from the Ramee is very difficult – sight lines are poor.

Over to you – any suggestions please?

Best regards
Pat
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