

BACKGROUND

A report to councillors regarding a request for safety improvements on The Portway, Old Sarum

SUMMARY

The Deputy Clerk has received a complaint from a resident regarding this crossing. It forms part of the cycle route from Old Sarum and Longhedge into the city. Whilst the Parish Council have already taken steps to cut back hedges and improve visibility, with increased use from new developments, it is felt the safety of the crossing itself should be improved.

RECOMMENDATION

That the council supports the attached Highways Improvement Request.

Highways Improvement Request Form

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Issue Details

Location of Issue:	The Portway Old Sarum, Jct of Norman Drive Park footpath/cycle crossing W3W/// declines.impulse.enchanted
Community Area:	Salisbury
Parish or Town Council:	Laverstock & Ford PC
Nature of Issue: We have significant concerns surrounding the safety of the crossing point at the North end of Norman drive green space where the footpath crosses the main road (The Portway) into Green Lane. With all the new properties at Long Hedge, and also properties due to be built in the adjacent field to the north of this site, this is now becoming a very busy crossing point for members of the public using the green lane footpath towards Old Sarum business park and into Salisbury both on foot and by bike. The safety of this crossing point has also been raised recently by a member of the public, as it is also used by children and young people on their way to and from school as well as by parents taking their children to the park from green lane and beyond in Ford via green lane.	
How long has it been an issue?	More than two years
What would you like done to resolve this issue? We would like a full site survey carried out to assess the feasibility of planning and installing an appropriate road crossing system to allow for the safe crossing the 40 MPH Portway road for members of the public at this increasingly busy location. 	
Have you been in touch with your local Wiltshire Councillor? (Yes/No)	No

This form needs to be completed and e-mailed or sent to your local Town or Parish Council.

Town and Parish contact details are available via the link below:

<https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/mgParishCouncilDetails.aspx>

Town or Parish Council Comments: (To be completed by Town or Parish Council only)