

Dear Sir

I **object** to the proposal to install a Puffin Crossing on Gipsy Lane at both sites, namely near to Caroline Close and also near to Magyar Crescent. The basis of this objection is that a Puffin Crossing will not assist or encourage children to walk to or from school. Children will still be taken to and collected from school by parents/carers in cars and cars will still be parked on Gipsy Lane and Caroline Close during these times. I am unable to envisage how a Puffin Crossing can facilitate children walking to school. It is my opinion that double yellow lines monitored by a traffic warden at peak times would encourage children to walk, by serving as a deterrent to cars parking on the road at school times. An extension to the footpath will only further encourage cars to park on the road.

I also object to this proposal as a footpath/hard base sited directly adjacent to a busy main road would, in my opinion, pose an increased safety hazard to pedestrians, as the natural barrier which is clearly visible to motorists, would be removed.

I also object to this proposal as removing a grass verge and replacing it with an extended footpath/hard base, sets a precedent for the future, for removal of grass verges and mature trees that are currently in place in Gipsy Lane. The current grass verges and trees provide a natural barrier between residential housing and a busy main road, prevents undertaking and overtaking of traffic, and also provides an aesthetically pleasing look to Gipsy Lane.