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**Proposed Puffin Crossing**

1 message

4 October 2017 at 19:41

  
To: "carolynburrows@warwickshire.gov.uk" <carolynburrows@warwickshire.gov.uk>

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Dear Madam

In response to Warwickshire County Councils letter dated 22 September 2017 I wish to object to the scheme on behalf of myself and my wife on the grounds of noise and light pollution such lights would create.

This would be particularly prevalent at night time as we have regular problems from people walking home from town in a semi drunken state who will enjoy setting the lights off.

We have lived here for 30 years and in that time I am not aware of any car accident involving school children.

There is also bollards outside our house and would you confirm that these will be removed if the crossing is installed.

I look forward to your reply.



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**Re: Proposed Puffin Crossing - on Higham Lane near Ambleside way, Nuneaton**

1 message

1 October 2017 at 22:32

To: Carolyn Burrows &lt;carolynburrows@warwickshire.gov.uk&gt;

Dear Carolyn,

Thankyou for your email. I would like to add to my previous email that there are numerous traffic calming measures that are in place as we speak. There are speed humps and 30 mile an hour zone, plus a speed bump on Ambleside roundabout, plus bollards which the students use to help them cross the road if needed. This is quite sufficient for what is needed, as the traffic is at a standstill anyway at start of school and it is not very busy at all end of school.

I would definitely like you to do another observation and traffic count at school start time and end of school. As I think you will find that the traffic is at a standstill and is at no risk to students. I can tell you from being a neighbor to the school that I have never witnessed cars traveling above the 30 mile an hour speed limit and would struggle to get above 3 miles an hour in the mornings. I think this needs re-assessing and I would be very grateful if you would do so.

If you would like me to do a survey and I will be very glad to.

I would also like to add that our local residents are certainly not at all happy about a thriving living tree being chopped down.

Kindest regards

On 28 Sep 2017, at 09:17, Carolyn Burrows &lt;carolynburrows@warwickshire.gov.uk&gt; wrote:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the proposed puffin crossing on Higham Lane.

I not your objection, which will be included in a report for consideration by the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Environment in due course.

With regard to your specific concerns. A pedestrian and traffic count has been conducted in this location, to assess the need for a puffin crossing. The County Council uses a nationally recognised methodology when assessing the need for crossings based on the number of pedestrians and vehicles, known as the PV2 value (pedestrians x vehicles x vehicles).

In this location the assessment shows that there is a need to provide a safe crossing point near the school as it meets the PV2 criteria.

Crossings can now be designed so that the light emitted from the signal heads does not shine into nearby properties, the light is focused towards the traffic lanes. With regard to the audible signal, it is always switched off during the hours of darkness, so that nearby properties are not effected by the noise disturbance. I will be working with my colleagues to see if there is a need for an audible signal during other times.

The County Council only commit resources for School Crossing Patrols (lollipop lady/man) for primary school aged children. We do not operate any SCP sites for secondary level students.

Kindest regards

Carolyn Burrows

On 24 September 2017 at 08:39,

Sent from my iPadDear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you regarding the proposed Puffin Crossing on Higham Lane. We live at [redacted] directly next door to Higham Lane School gates, I understand from reading from your letter that it is to encourage students to walk to school, well believe me there must be a couple of hundred students that use these gates and atleast 95% of them walk to school. There are the odd cars you see dropping off which has never caused a problem, but i presume those students do not live locally as the catchment area stretches quite far.

We have two boys aged 15 and 9, we have never had a problem with them crossing the road in the mornings or in the evenings when its end of school. There has never been any incidents outside the school gates it seems to be further down by The Chase pub, as i understand an incident happened further down past The Chase Pub, apparently the student was crossing over from the opposite side and was hit by a car, fortunately the student was fine. However the student did not chose to cross by the school where it was safer where the bollards are, he chose to cross further down. You can not guarantee students will even use the Puffin Crossing.

I have lived here for 17 years and there has never been an issue as there are bollards that the students use to cross, which I feel is a lot safer than trying to cross the road all at once. To be honest the traffic is usually at a standstill anyway and once theses new houses are built at the top of Higham Lane the traffic will not be moving at all. I am a very safety conscious parent as my children cross this road every day, if I thought there was a concern then I would not be objecting to it.

So i am writing to you in the politest way to say that we do object to the Crossing as there is no need for it. If there are safety concerns then why not get a lollypop lady/man to watch the students over the road, because this is only needed term time. Or the teachers could maybe be act as a lollypop lady/man as they are standing outside supervising the students in their hi-vis jackets everyday. This would be more cost effective and the money could definitely put to better uses.

We personally do not want flashing and bleeping lights that will be going off all hours of the day and night, especially when the youths are heading home drunk from a night out. This is a beautiful road and i am so proud to live on it. This beautiful road does not warrant a traffic light system as it is not wide enough. It will de-value our properties and to chop a tree down and stick a flashing light system directly outside 138 which is an absolutely beautiful traditional house. It will never sell with those stuck out of the front.

Therefore I propose you use a lollypop lady/man to ensure the students cross safely as it will only be need term time only. Then me and my fellow residents will be a lot happier and should be able to sleep without the flashing lights and bleeping going off all hours of the night. If this Crossing and traffic light system does go ahead, then we will be seeking compensation for de-valuation of our property.

Kindest regards

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Dear Carolyn

I write to object to the proposal as referenced above. I have the safety of children at heart also (my son grew up here and went to the school) but I feel the proposal is flawed for the following reasons:

1. Higham Lane is a quiet street with speed limiting measures.
2. There are also satisfactory crossing bollards for the children to use.
3. The danger is where children do not use the correct crossing point.
4. Puffin crossing will stop traffic and the kids will no doubt attempt to run across the road at this opportunity to try to "catch the temporary halted traffic position, away from the crossing area if the traffic is stopped, and is therefore more of a danger for them.
5. The noise of a crossing at night will be unbearable. We struggle to sleep anyway with blue lights, occasional heavy traffic and our fair share of drunks at night who kick the existing bollards for the fun of it!! Activating the crossing lights and bleeps will be too much for them to resist.
6. The crossing is only used for 30 minutes twice per day and circa 200 days of the year!! Why go to the expense of a permanent crossing for this. Surely a lollipop lady/man would be a better option and would control the children crossing much more effectively. Or even simple Zebra crossing!!
7. If you are prepared for the expense on a Puffin crossing then surely near to the shops and Brookdale fields would be a more appropriate position as many people cross here, and not just from the school!!

Please put our concerns forward to the appropriate authorities.

Kind Regards





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**Fw: Puffin Crossing on Higham Lane Nuneaton**

1 message



25 September 2017 at 16:34

To: "carolynburrows@warwickshire.gov.uk" &lt;carolynburrows@warwickshire.gov.uk&gt;

Further to my Email below we live at [REDACTED] Higham Lane which will be the property most affected by the crossing. It is impossible now in the mornings to get out of our drive between the hours of 08:15 and 09:15 due to the volume of traffic, which will be made worse with all of the new buildings going up in the area, and now you propose to make it even worse with this crossing. The youngsters who go to Higham lane school arrive in the morning between 08:30 to 08:50 and then leave at between 15:15 and by 15:30 they have all gone, this means that the crossing is going to be used for about one hour a day during term time and then the lights will be on green for most of the rest of the time and when the school holidays are here it will hardly ever be used. The tree outside was pruned last autumn to save it at some cost no doubt and now you are going to fell it, what a waste of money. The building of this crossing will undoubtedly devalue our property and as there has never been an accident in the 40 years we have lived here we feel this crossing is a waste of money. With our daughter being autistic the beeping will bring on stress and other symptoms including behavioural problems. If we do not receive a satisfactory conclusion to this matter I will engage the services of the psychologist at the loft. We already have problems with people who are drunk coming home from the town causing nuisance ie breaking the newly planted trees in half and knocking over the existing bollards, who will take great delight in pressing the buttons just to create a nuisance. This received problem could be solved by the use of a crossing warden who would be required term time only and at the moment the staff from the school supervise the youngsters who some of which do not use the existing facility.

Regards, [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 September 2017 12:28  
**To:** carolynburrows@warwickshire.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Puffin Crossing on Higham Lane Nuneaton

I spoke to Liam McLaughlin this morning who informed me that the shrill beeping noise will be switched off between the hours of 21:30 to 07:00. This raises the problem we have, which is we have a daughter who has autism and the noise from the beeps distresses her. She sleeps at the front of the house, which is not double glazed due to the high cost involved, and is usually in her bedroom at about 6pm. Even when we are outside the shrill beeping from these crossings distresses her and we feel this one outside the house will isolate her due to it's proximity.

Regards, [REDACTED]



