

Highways Improvement Request Form

Contact Details

Date:	27/12/2024
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Issue Details

Location of Issue:	Ashley Road – Junction with Coldharbour Lane
Community Area:	Salisbury
Parish or Town Council:	Salisbury City Council
Nature of Issue:	<p>Add Children-School warning signs to Ashley Road and improve the attention getting qualities of the markings and Belisha beacons of the Ashley Road Zebra Crossing</p> <p>Department for Transport Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 4 Warning Signs 2018 states the following:</p> <p>8.3 Children</p> <p>8.3.1. The sign to diagram 545 (S2-2-25, see Figure 8-6) is used to warn of the likelihood of encountering children in the road ahead, going to a school or playground. It must be used in combination with one of the supplementary plates shown in Figure 8-7 to Figure 8-10. When used in combination with the “School”, “Patrol” or “Disabled children” (and its variants) plates it may also be combined with the light signals shown in diagram 4004 (S14-2-23, see Figure 8-11). It should be sited to ensure adequate warning is given; this might require a greater distance than specified in Appendix A for signs warning of fixed hazards. A distance, an arrow (pointing to the left or to the right) or both may be added to the plate in accordance with the working drawings.</p> <p>8.3.2. When combined with “School” or “Patrol”, the sign may be provided where children cross the road on their way to or from school, or from one part of a school to another. In most cases they should be restricted to the immediate area outside of a school or where significant numbers of children cross away from a school.</p> <p>The Sarum St Paul’s School was demolished to allow St Paul’s Roundabout to be built. The new building is accessed via Richmond Road and Westminster Road. Both these access roads are accessed via Coldharbour Lane and Kingsland Road. There are no ‘Children-School Warning Signs’ on the roads leading to the school. Between 0830 and 0910 in the morning and around 1510-1540 in the afternoon there is extensive pedestrian traffic (that is: ‘Significant numbers of children crossing away from a school’ as above) routing along Coldharbour Lane and using the Zebra Crossing on Ashley Road. There are no ‘Children-School’ signs on Ashley Road or any of the roads leading to the school.</p> <p>It is noted that ‘Children-School Warning signs’ are installed on Highbury Avenue – close to Manor Fields Primary School. A Children warning triangle is also installed on the narrow section of Coldharbour Lane by the Scout hut – but this section of the lane does not access the school.</p> <p>By modern standards the Zebra Crossing situated on Ashley Road by the junction with Coldharbour Lane is poorly marked. The black and white poles are mounted adjacent to buildings and are difficult to see. The Belisha Beacons are dim and lack adequate ‘attention getting qualities’. The ‘Humped Zebra Crossing warning sign’ when routing south west along Ashley Road is also difficult to see as it is set back on the pavement but, due to the line of almost permanently parked cars, traffic routes to the centre or right of the road and the warning</p>

triangle is not obvious. The 'attention getting qualities' of the Zebra Crossing signage/structure should be improved

In summary; vehicle traffic approaching this junction are not adequately alerted to the volume of crossing children at specific times of day. The addition of well-located 'Children-School' signage along with better attention getting markings on the Zebra Crossing should be installed to give drivers adequate warning of the hazard.



Ashley Road Looking south west towards Zebra Crossing Near Junction with Coldharbour Lane

How long has it been an issue?

Many years, since St Paul's School was rebuilt.

What would you like done to resolve this issue?

Investigate whether the attention getting qualities of the Zebra Crossing signage can be improved and/or additional 'Children-School Warning signs' can be installed.

Have you been in touch with your local Wiltshire Councillor? (Yes/No)

Yes

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

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