

Highways Improvement Request Form

Contact Details

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Issue Details

Location of Issue:	Highbury Avenue – Manor Fields Primary School Pedestrian Entrance
Community Area:	Salisbury
Parish or Town Council:	Salisbury City Council

Nature of Issue:

Add Children-School with yellow flashing lights (and possibly 20 mph speed limit) warning signs to Highbury Avenue

Department for Transport Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 4 Warning Signs 2018 states the following:

8.3 Children

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.

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**.

It is noted that ‘Children-School Warning signs’ are installed on Highbury Avenue – close to the pedestrian access to Manor Fields Primary School. A School Crossing Patrol had been established to facilitate the safe crossing of pupils and carers across Highbury Avenue at a dedicated patrol crossing point adjacent to the school pedestrian entrance/exit. The previous patroller retired and Wiltshire Council has not recruited a replacement. Safety concerns, mitigated by the presence of a School Crossing Patrol, are no longer in place and alternative safety measures are required whilst continuing to reinstate the crossing patrol.

Vehicle traffic approaching this crossing are not adequately alerted to the volume of crossing children at specific times of day. The addition of well-located enhanced ‘Children-School’ signage should be installed to give drivers adequate warning of the hazard. (i.e. yellow flashing lights in addition to the warning triangle. Consideration should be given to introducing a ‘20 mph speed limit while the lights are flashing’.



Highbury Ave looking South – Note the continuous line of parked cars opposite the pedestrian entrance to the school.



Typical enhanced Children-School warning sign with yellow flashing lights.

How long has it been an issue?

Many years – but a significant risk since the loss of the School Patrol.

What would you like done to resolve this issue?

Provide enhanced 'Children-School Warning signs' with yellow flashing lights and consider a 20 mph speed limit during school opening and closing times.

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

Yes

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)