

**Objections**

<b><u>Ref</u></b>	<b><u>Comment Received</u></b>	<b><u>Officer Comment</u></b>
1	<p>We cannot see why there is a need for a "Puffin" crossing in Westwells Road. It is on a straight road for 500 metres with clear views either way. It is proposed for 281 metres from one roundabout, so it will be at least 150 metres from the other roundabout, which is plenty of clear view to wait to cross. It seems an awful lot of expense to give precedence to pedestrians crossing a perfectly safe road. If there is a need for anything, which we do not believe there is, surely a zebra crossing would be more economical.</p>	<p>The request has been assessed in line with Wiltshire Council's Practice Guidance for Pedestrian Crossings. This includes identifying that a sufficient number of crossing movements take place throughout the busiest four hour period to satisfy the minimum requirement of an average of 50 per hour.</p> <p>The assessment has also recorded vehicle speeds exceed the maximum threshold for which a Zebra Crossing may be considered and consequently it is necessary to recommend a Signal Controlled Facility. The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Direction 2016 no longer permits the use of Pelican Crossings on the public highway and consequently a <b>Pedestrian User Friendly Intelligent Crossing (PUFFIN)</b> has been recommended.</p> <p>The proposed facility is being entirely funded by the Ministry of Defence, as it recognises the demand has been generated by its own operations.</p>
2	<p>This crossing will only serve a small number of MOD employees, who presently choose to park outside the Establishment, or visitors who are unable to use the visitors car park adjacent to the main gate.</p> <p>Hearsay suggests ( I am unaware of any planning application) that the MOD has removed the trees adjacent to the large lay by so that they can extend the Rudloe Manor car park and use it as an overflow. This in spite of local residents being assured on many and numerous occasions by the Council that the Basil Hill on site parking is sufficient. It would seem that the MOD is now extending it's car parking facilities.</p> <p>At the time when a crossing would be most used the south bound traffic on Westwells Road is generally at a standstill from the MOD main gate back up the road beyond and into Park Lane.</p> <p>Would you please tell me who is footing the bill for this crossing, (MOD or the Council). If the MOD</p>	<p>The proposed pedestrian crossing is independent of any plans the MoD may or may not be developing regarding alterations to the internal layout of their site. Such alterations are likely to require planning permission and it is recommended that the correspondent contacts Wiltshire Council Planning department to discuss concerns or enquire on the status of an application.</p> <p>The proposed facility is being entirely funded by the Ministry of Defence, as it recognises the demand has been generated by its own operations.</p>

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	<p>considers a crossing necessary and is willing to pay, entirely for it, then so be it. If however local residents are expected to pay for a facility which will be of no use to them then I think that this is unreasonable. Now that the local shop and post office is closed and there is no adjacent housing and given that there is no bus service on this section of Westwells Road ( the two bus shelters in this stretch of road are now used as MOD smoking shelters) very few, if any, residents use the road or need to cross it.</p>	