

# Presentation to LHFIG: Making this Zebra Crossing Safer for the Community

**Location:** Near One Stop shop,  
Netherhampton Road

HARNHAM WEST WARD



# Who are we?



**Cllr Eleanor Wills**

Salisbury City Councillor for  
Harnham West Ward

**Jo M**

Local resident  
and parent

# Let's hear from residents...



**A resident on Upper Street: "I dread my child using the crossing."**

**A resident on Norfolk Road: "My 10 year-old is not allowed to cross that crossing without an adult as it is not safe and this is inhibiting his independence in his local area."**



**A resident on St George's Road: "Cars fly past with no regard for anyone using the crossing...my son should be able to walk independently by year 5 but there is no way I would let him even if he is road safety aware because of the amount of traffic."**

**A resident on Halfpenny Road: "The number of near misses we have had has been numerous..."**



# Background

- The **crossing is situated outside the popular ‘One Stop’ shop** on the Netherhampton Road (A3094). Other crossings on the A3094, further away from the end of the national speed limit on the road, already have a traffic light crossing (see photo).
- On the **other side of the road are multiple footpaths providing links** to residential roads, recreational areas and The Old Mill.
- Furthermore, **the A3094 is now part of the strategic road network** and has become a busy thoroughfare for HGVs, commercial vehicles, school traffic, and commuters.
- 2021 census data tells us that in “Salisbury Cathedral & Harnham”, **over 30% of residents are over 65 while 12% are under 15**. Road safety must be a priority, especially for these more vulnerable groups.
- **Many amenities are also situated close to the road**, ranging from local schools (including Harnham Junior and Infant Schools), the parish hall, a footpath leading to the Harnham Recreation Ground, and the Old Mill.



Traffic light crossing nr Saxon Road

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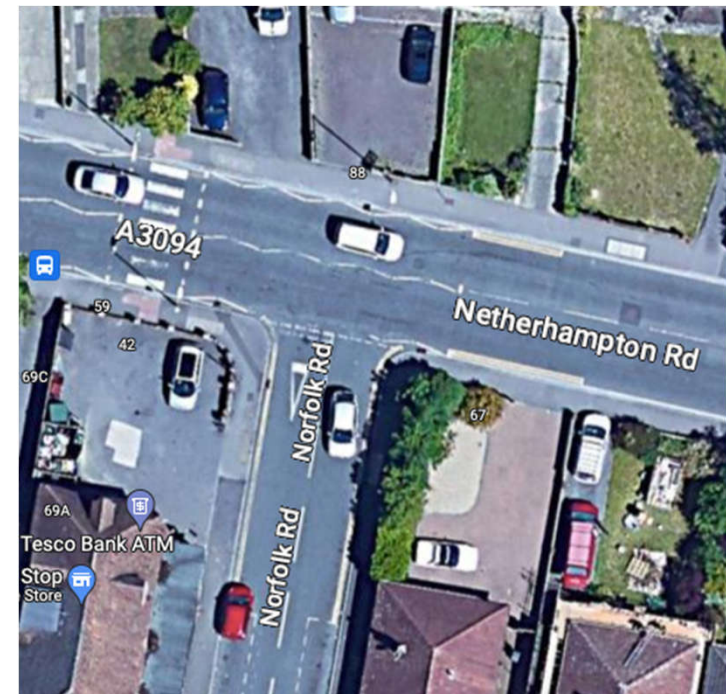
# Why is this crossing an issue?

1. The crossing, although on a desire line, is very close to a T-junction between Norfolk Road and the Netherhampton Road.

This means that as cars regularly turn left, within 5m they must then stop for pedestrians at the zebra crossing.



**The traffic light crossing would better alert drivers to the fact that pedestrians are crossing nearby (as at Saxon Road/A3094 junction).**



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2. **The lived experience of residents demonstrates the anxiety the crossing is now causing for local people.**

From parents with young children, to elderly residents, there is serious concern in the community that the crossing remains unsafe.



**The traffic light crossing would give residents greater confidence that cars have been alerted to the crossing.**



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3. **Despite the Netherhampton Road being long, straight and wide, residents tell us that drivers are still ignoring the crossing.**

Drivers are appearing to fail to stop at the crossing at all times during the day, leading to frequent “near misses”.



**A traffic light crossing would increase visibility and inform motorists of the need to stop.**



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4. After regular incidents of speeding, we need something more drastic to force the traffic to stop or slow down.

Residents regularly feel that they are having to take a life or death risk by using the crossing, and hoping that cars stop for them. **Our Speedwatch team confirm this.**



**A zebra crossing does not sufficiently mandate that motorists actually stop in the road to let pedestrians cross.**





# What are we asking for?

1. **A two-way traffic light crossing to marshal the traffic on Netherhampton Road and Norfolk Road.**
2. ***OR* a traffic light crossing to replace the zebra crossing.**

**Your support is required to make this possible.** Quote from Wiltshire Council: “...ultimately if supported through the LHFIG process the replacement of the Zebra crossing could proceed”.

3. **If neither option are supported by Councillors then we support officers’ recommendation that “SLOW” road markings would be a suitable addition alongside the repainting of the crossing.**
4. We would also welcome further assessment as to whether additional measures can be looked at in the future to increase safety e.g. a humped crossing.

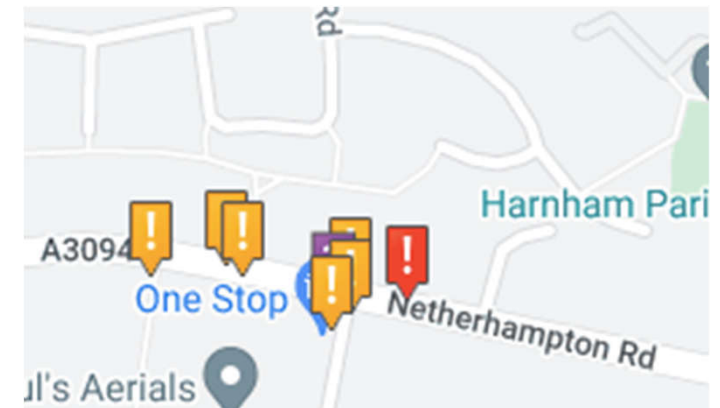


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# What is the risk of the “do nothing” option?

- Real concern that **ongoing “near misses” will become a serious accident** or worse.
- **Anxiety for parents** that children are not able to be truly ‘independent’ because of the threat that this crossing poses.
- **Investment in options which are less effective** than a traffic-light crossing and therefore may not adequately reduce the risk of an accident in the future.
- **Frustration from residents** that their concerns are not being adequately addressed.



Traffic accidents recorded near the zebra crossing since 2003

Thank you, any questions?