

**SUMMARY OF OBJECTIONS AND COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE PROPOSED REMOVAL OF THE PELICAN CROSSING FACILITY
OUTSIDE NO. 106 NETHERHAMPTON ROAD, SALISBURY AND OFFICER RESPONSE**

Comment Ref. No.	Comment	Officer Response
1	<p>We would like to make the following points in relation to the Consultation on the proposed removal of the Pelican crossing on Netherhampton Road.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the pelican crossing is removed, this means that the only pedestrian crossing West of the Harnham Infant and Junior schools is the zebra crossing outside the One-Stop shop. However, the zebra crossing is unsafe as cars frequently fail to stop even when people are already walking across the crossing. (see also article in Salisbury Journal on 6 November 2014) In effect, the council are removing a safe and effective crossing managed by traffic lights in favour of a potentially dangerous one. Research from the AA and the New Zealand Transport Agency (2007) has shown that zebra crossings without any traffic calming measures can actually increase pedestrian accidents because they give priority to pedestrians without slowing down the traffic. 2. The Pelican crossing links the pedestrians travelling from the North side of the Netherhampton Road with the alleyway leading to Norfolk Road and Harnham Infants and Junior Schools. Removing the Pelican crossing means that families walking to school will be forced to walk further along the busy, polluted Netherhampton Road. The Pelican crossing also forms part of the Harnham Schools travel plan which encourages children to walk safely to school rather than be taken in cars. 3. If the council need to save money and therefore want to remove one of the crossings, surely it would make more sense for the less safe crossing to be removed (i.e. the zebra crossing) or, if it is necessary for the crossing to be outside the One-Stop, then this need to be changed, either to a safer, Pelican crossing or alongside traffic slowing measures such as speed bumps either side of the crossing. The Netherhampton Road has a high volume of traffic including large lorries, with residential properties on either side which form part of the catchment for two local schools. Rather than removing effective crossings, the council should be proposing measures to slow down and manage the busy traffic on this road in order to encourage families to travel safely on foot and by bike to their local schools and shops. 	<p><u>Response to Bullet Point 1</u></p> <p>The Zebra crossing located outside of the One Stop Shop and Post Office on Netherhampton Road was installed in August 2008. Despite the correspondent's concern that the Zebra crossing in question is unsafe to use it actually has a good safety record. Since it became operational on 18 August 2008 there have been no recorded collisions involving the Zebra crossing. If, as suggested, vehicles are failing to stop when pedestrians are in the process of using the Zebra crossing then this appears not to be reflected in the safety record of the crossing.</p> <p>It should be remembered that until a pedestrian has actually moved onto a Zebra crossing, or it is clear to an approaching motorist that a pedestrian intends to move onto the crossing, motorists are not legally required to give way to them. It is the pedestrian's responsibility to ensure that vehicles have stopped or are stopping before proceeding to cross at this type of facility. More information on how to use Zebra crossings can be found in Rules 19 and 195 of the Highway Code.</p> <p>If the Pelican crossing is removed as proposed there would, in addition to the Zebra crossing, remain two pedestrian refuge crossing points and the Pelican crossing situated at the bottom of Saxon Road (the main road leading to Harnham Infant and Junior Schools) located to the west of the schools on Netherhampton Road. These four crossing facilities provide numerous opportunities for local residents to safely cross Netherhampton Road.</p> <p><u>Response to Bullet Point 2</u></p> <p>A leaflet entitled 'The Journey to School in Harnham' provides information to parents on sustainable travel options available to them when undertaking the journey to the Harnham Schools. The leaflet details the position of all pedestrian crossing facilities within the vicinity of the Harnham Schools and identifies possible walking and cycle routes to the schools.</p> <p>As the leaflet shows the Zebra crossing is located approximately 90 metres to the east of the Pelican crossing it is proposed to remove. Parents (and their children) who use the Pelican crossing are already having to walk along</p>

	<p>In addition, we would like to have access to the documentation that formed the basis for this proposal so that we better understand the reasons behind its submission.</p>	<p>Netherhampton Road to access it. In this specific context it is considered that being required to walk an additional distance of approximately 90 metres along Netherhampton Road is unlikely to have a significantly detrimental effect on encouraging the use of sustainable modes of travel to the Harnham Schools.</p> <p><u>Response to Bullet Point 3</u></p> <p>The proposed removal of the Pelican crossing is not being undertaken to reduce costs. As is explained in the main body of the report the Pelican crossing is being removed to make using the Zebra crossing safer.</p> <p>The Pelican crossing was introduced to help address pedestrian safety and community severance concerns when the Post Office was located at No. 110 Netherhampton Road. The Post Office located at this address closed in 2003 and as a result the Pelican crossing has become largely redundant. The Post Office relocated into the nearby One Stop Shop at No. 69 Netherhampton Road. Accordingly, pedestrian crossing demand shifted to the area immediately in front of the One Stop Shop and consequently the Zebra crossing was introduced to help address pedestrian safety and community severance concerns at this location.</p> <p>The Post Office and One Stop Shop are still operating at No. 69 Netherhampton Road and as a result pedestrian crossing demand at the Zebra crossing remains significantly higher than at the Pelican crossing. Therefore, it would make no sense to retain the Pelican crossing over the Zebra crossing.</p>
2	<p>I write to register a strong objection to the proposed removal on the above crossing.</p> <p>It would be a matter of indifference to the great majority of local residents. But I write as one who had the experience last autumn of having to learn to walk again after eight weeks in hospital, having survived septicaemia, and when I was on walking frame I would had no access to the post office and shop, not daring to trust myself to pedestrian crossing provided by the One Stop Shop. Anyone with any walking handicap would be rash to attempt it.</p> <p>I say this because of the speed many drivers, on seeing a straight stretch of road from the Middle Street junction on, have arrived at by the time they've come to the One Stop Shop, many of them are just going too fast to stop. I had a near miss there, and if you consult our local Community Police Officer he will tell you how dangerous it is, having had the same experience himself.</p> <p>I still use Pelican Crossing for safety's sake. What is needed, of course, is for it to be transferred to the Post Office and shop site. It was put up where it is</p>	<p>As is explained in the main body of the report the Pelican crossing is being removed to make using the Zebra crossing safer.</p> <p>The Pelican crossing was introduced to help address pedestrian safety and community severance concerns when the Post Office was located at No. 110 Netherhampton Road. The Post Office located at this address closed in 2003 and as a result the Pelican crossing has become largely redundant. The Post Office relocated into the nearby One Stop Shop at No. 69 Netherhampton Road. Accordingly, pedestrian crossing demand shifted to the area immediately in front of the One Stop Shop and consequently the Zebra crossing was introduced to help address pedestrian safety and community severance concerns at this location.</p> <p>The Post Office and One Stop Shop are still operating at No. 69 Netherhampton Road and as a result pedestrian crossing demand at the Zebra crossing remains significantly higher than at the Pelican crossing. Therefore, it would make no sense to retain the Pelican crossing over the Zebra crossing.</p>

<p>when the Post Office was just there.</p> <p>Contrary to one report I've seen, the average speed on that stretch of road is about 40mph, with some drivers at considerably more than that. There's a noticeable difference when it's our turn to have the use of the electronic 30mph reminder. Again I'm sure our Community Police Officer would corroborate that.</p> <p>Your claim at W.C.C. is "Improving life in Wiltshire". Removal of our Pelican Crossing will not achieve that - not unless it is reinstated where it can be of most use.</p>	<p>Despite the correspondent's concern that the Zebra crossing outside the One Stop Shop and Post Office is unsafe to use it actually has a good safety record. Since it became operational on 18 August 2008 there have been no recorded collisions involving the Zebra crossing.</p> <p>More generally, it should be remembered that until a pedestrian has actually moved onto the Zebra crossing or it is clear to an approaching motorist that the pedestrian intends to move onto the crossing the motorist is not legally required to stop at a Zebra crossing. More information on how to use Zebra crossings can be found in Rules 19 and 195 of the Highway Code.</p>
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