

[Type here]

Agenda Item 9

Dear Nicky,

Re: New pedestrian crossing request – Deer Park Road Roundabout

Thanks for your reply; and huge apologies for the very long delay in replying. It's been a busy few months for me, so I've not been able to give this issue the attention I would have liked. However, this evening as I was crossing over the near the roundabout on Deer Park Road, a driver revved their engine at me aggressively as I was crossing, so it's given me new incentive.

It's just a terrible place to cross, but I have no option – there literally is no where else to cross over to get to the Deer Park amenities or the Deer Park Road cycle path. There is a new pedestrian crossing on Thorney Leys which benefits the residents on Richmond Village; but for Windrush Place/Spring Meadow residents to get to it, we need to cross over Curbridge Road. And if we want to get to Deer Park Road, then we'd need to cross back over Curbridge Road on the other side of the roundabout – so that's no good. (See the yellow route on the attached map).

So I use the more direct blue route as shown on my map. Crossing here is unpleasant for able-bodied adults, and I imagine terrifying for those with reduced mobility; or the very young, or anyone pushing a buggy or pram.

If I'm with my daughter on foot. I pick her up and run across the road, when there is a gap in the traffic. Drivers often forget to indicate, so it sometimes appears that they are going straight over the roundabout, then you realise they are turning into the road as you are crossing. They are also looking for traffic coming from their right, so they may not see a pedestrian until the last minute.

If not just the elderly residents of Richmond Village who need a pedestrian crossing on Thorney Leys; it's the residents of Windrush Place and Spring Meadows too who need one on Deer Park Road. If you could put it on the agenda for the next meeting, that would be hugely appreciated.

Your sincerely,

Tom Cole

[Type here]

