

Dear Nicky

We spoke a few weeks ago, sorry it has taken me a while to send the email over.

I wanted to raise a concern over the pedestrian crossing which leads from Mill Lane (off of Church Green) and Witan way road to Duck Lake Country Park and involves crossing the part of the Witan way road which runs between the leisure centre and Sainsburys. Please see images attached.

As you will see from the images, the crossing has the cream dropped curb with raised bobbles which highlights to pedestrians to cross there, there is also a (very small!) brown sign directing people to the lake (currently covered by tree branches). Since lockdown, we have used the crossing most days and its horrendous, the cars come quickly round the corner from the leisure centre direction and coming from Sainsburys direction they are accelerating after the roundabout. There is nothing at all in place to warn drivers that they are coming across a place where pedestrians may be crossing – not a single sign in either direction!!! We always see other people at the crossing, normally with children and/or dogs and they are having to judge when might be safe to cross as its hard to see round the bend, add in the fact that the drivers coming round the bend have no idea that it is a pedestrian crossing and, in my opinion, it's an accident waiting to happen. In an ideal world there would be a proper pedestrian crossing on that part of the road, especially considering it leads to the country park and fields and as a country we are trying to encourage people to get out and about more however, failing that, there should be signs warning drivers (coming from both directions) that they are coming upon a place where pedestrians may be crossing. In my opinion that road should also be considered for a speed reduction to 30mph, it is a well-used stretch of road for people using the leisure centre and people walking to Sainsburys and Station lane etc and the drivers are always going a speed along that part of the road- it's a horrible stretch of road to walk along or cross at!

Secondly, I just wanted to raise the question as to why Church green isn't a 20mph zone given that it has two schools and a green where children play. People often drive at significant speed down church green and use it as a cut through, reducing the speed to 20mph would force people to consider their speed around the schools.

Please let me know if you require any further information from me.

Kind regards

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