

MEMBER'S WRITTEN QUESTION



Member submitting the question: Cllr Chris Wood

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To the Cabinet Member for: Strategic Planning and Transport

Question: Dear Cllr Coker, I remain grateful for the meeting on the 16th of October 2024 where officers and ourselves discussed my request for new pedestrian crossing points to be installed outside Manadon Vale Primary School and St Edwards Primary School. We discussed the requirement for either a pedestrian traffic island, zebra crossing or pelican crossing to improve road safety for local school children and council officers agreed to commence investigations. Unfortunately since this meeting my requests for updates on progress have gone largely unanswered. May I please therefore request the following; How many meetings have been held by officers to discuss the two requested pedestrian crossing points since the 16th of October? Have any initial investigations been commenced and if so what have these investigations consisted? Has a Project Manager or similar been appointed and have any project artefacts, such as schedule, risk log, stakeholder map, business case or similar been prepared? Have officers met with the respective schools to discuss the need for these two crossing points? Why have officers not responded to requests for updates? Yours sincerely, Cllr Chris Wood

Answer:

Dear Councillor Wood,

I have discussed the proposal with our Road Safety Team and neither location justifies the provision of formal pedestrian crossing facilities.

We have engaged with Manadon School who are comfortable with the existing arrangements and have expressed a wish to engage with our safer journeys to school programme which is now ongoing.

Recent contact with St Edwards School has largely been in relation to parking issues, changes to guardrails and signing as well as engaging with the Safer Journeys to School programme. Again, no mention of a need for a crossing has been made by the school.

I am aware that you have been in touch with the team previously on this matter and that the physical difficulties and substantial costs involved in construction of Zebra Crossing have been explained to you. Plymouth Highways has very little Capital Funding available and it is not

anticipated that any Zebra Crossings can be funded in the current financial year. There are sites where additional crossings are being considered within the City where bids have been submitted to Active Travel England. These bids are managed by the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Directorate and not Plymouth Highways.

There have been several discussions about these matters during the Traffic Management and Road Safety Team's daily meetings as well as liaison with both schools as mentioned above. A School Gate survey has also been undertaken at Manadon and the results forwarded to you by the team (Copy Enclosed). However, no projects to construct Zebra Crossings have been initiated and there are therefore no documents relating to this.

Signed:

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