

Mr. T. Mullaney
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Please find attached comments as one of the local members for Thursday's Highway's and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Meeting.

Response to the Item Petition Request for a School Crossing outside of St Peter's Catholic Primary School

A huge number of residents in the area I represent on the County Council and the area my two fellow Hinckley County Councillors David Bill and Stuart Bray represent support a safe crossing at St Peter's School on London Road in Hinckley. 8,850 residents signed a petition supporting the campaign.

There are safety concerns, there have been a number of near misses involving pupils and parents going to the school. Although not recorded it is believed that there was an accident leading to a fatality some years ago along this part of London Road when a pedestrian was knocked over.

Whilst I appreciate the extra road safety measures that are proposed for London Road near St Peter's School I am extremely disappointed that the request for a safe road crossing has not been supported in the report.

There is widespread support for it and Cllrs Bill, Bray and myself identified funding for putting a crossing in at the site through the Members Highway Fund, a fund which was developed with the apparent intention of supporting Highways causes that were important in Councillor's local areas.

Whilst it's welcome that a crossing person has been recruited for St Peter's School there is always the risk that the person may step down from the job and it may be difficult to find a new person (as it took some years to recruit a crossing person there, with no school crossing patrol between 2017 and 2022 despite attempts to recruit to the post). A safe pedestrian crossing at the site however would be a permanent safety measure that would benefit pupils and parents and residents more generally crossing the road there.

Whilst I welcome the fact there will be some safety improvements at the site I and many residents believe there still needs to be a safe permanent crossing at St Peter's School. I therefore urge the County Council to rethink and agree to installing a crossing near St Peter's School

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