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Footpath Crossings in Leicestershire

It is the belief of the LFA that drivers need greater visibility and awareness of pedestrians crossing some of Leicestershire's busiest roads. Pedestrian fatalities have increased by 6% in 2023. Ref 1 STATS19 Data 407 pedestrians were killed in 2023, a 6% increase Ref 2 Provisional Government Statistics

Therefore, we perceive a requirement for a minimum gold standard for some of the very difficult footpath crossings using an integrated approach, including Pedestrian Instigated Flashing Warning Light Alerts (PIFWLA), Countdown signage to the actual crossings, and sufficient vegetation clearance and with levelling of verges in the vicinity of the footpaths, and a dropped kerb. Additionally white lines would indicate where the pedestrians actually cross. Vegetation management would allow greater visibility for pedestrians and drivers on some of the roads.

For the proposed roads and the highways that are currently under construction we recommend an urgent review of rural footpath crossings is convened by Leicestershire County Council Highways Department to upgrade and amend any shortfall of future pedestrian safety.

A447

SP 39NE Atherstone Road crossing of T41, SP35433 97997, 52. 57865 N- 147858

///trim.glad.quilt

Busy road no footway, limited space near a bend so limited visibility for fast car drivers and pedestrians, overgrown area. A good cut back of vegetation would help but the speeding drivers on the bends have little time to respond to pedestrians in the road.

SK 42177 04200 Osbaston Lat, long 52.63392, -1.37823

///soonest.cooks.entertainer



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Busy road, very fast section of the road due to this straight section of highway signage would help.

A511

Footpath crossing between Alton Grange and Town Farm, Coleorton, near Sinope.

SK39009 15385 ///guitar.inner.cyclones

Proposed Bardon Link Road.

How will this affect the footpaths? What safety measures for footpath crossings could be incorporated into the design. Suggesting the LCC Highways have an urgent review of pedestrian crossings on these proposed sections of roads.

N86/1

N86/2

Growth Corridor Nine enhancements proposed on the A511.

Does this effect any other Footpath crossings. Suggesting the LCC Highways have an urgent review of pedestrian crossings on these proposed sections of the roads.

A512

SK 42431 18261 ///eliminate.appoints.snappy

This is a fast section of the road; the footpath crossing is in the middle of two bends. Therefore, limited vision for the driver and pedestrians. Extensively used by HGV vehicles limited footway, poor visibility for drivers therefore limited response time if passengers are crossing the road.

A52 National Highways



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Footpath Crossings near Bottesford (National Highways)

SK 78602 38461 ///condense. confirms.path

SK 79191 38268 ///pounces.sounding.pizza

SK 81154 38056 ///hurtles.guard.pricier

Fast busy road. I understand one crossing is under review by National Highways.

The County Highways should be lobbying the National Highways in unison with the LFA for urgent safety amelioration at the A52 footpath crossings to what we perceive as the LFA considers a gold minimum standard on this busy and dangerous road the A52.

A6

Great Glen Footpath Crossings limited signage ambiguous as to where the crossings are. Extremely fast busy road.

SP 65472 97193 ///speeded.corkscrew.eyeful

SP 65053 97550 ///pocketed.damage.motoring

SP 64675 97838 ///spider.loitering.crossings

SP 72213 90723 Leicestershire Round ///viewer.mush.headset

SP 73727 90170 ///unsecured.mocking.clearcut

SP 75082 87373 Lodge Farm ///jubilant.veto.rockets

SP 75232 86868 Market Harborough ///dressing.punks.noun

The existing footpaths signs are ambiguous as they do not indicate where the crossings are located. Overgrown vegetation is a problem on the A6 Great Glen bypass, needs definition as to where the crossings are, a countdown of yards? Metres. Use of Pedestrian Instigated Flashing Warning Light Alerts (PIFWLA) would be best solution here.

Market Harborough bypass is also a very fast, busy road. Signage is inadequate for pedestrian safety needs countdown signs to crossings PIFWLA would be well placed here on this fast section.



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A6006

SK 69275 19554 lat 42.76915, -0.97466 Grimston Gap, Loughborough Road
 ///purifier.scare.sizes

SK 68063 22501 Six Hills Lane ///herds.smothered.dude poor visibility fast road.

Vegetation may help here at these crossings but how can drivers be alerted to pedestrians crossing the highway prior to reaching the footpath crossing, needs signage.

A4303

SP 54500 83885 Lutterworth ///users.dated.dizzy

Very fast busy road, crossing from the golf course to Lutterworth. Vehicles speeding from the traffic island.

A47

SK 71495 03187 Billesdon ///reef.powering.ruler

SK 71970 03199 Billesdon ///vans.droplets.diverged

SK 72490 03078 ///caressed.additives.grin

SK 74799 02480 Skeffington ///circulate.rewarded.dove

SK 78977 00211 East Norton ///inhaled.intruding.splint

Fast and busy road, limited vision for oncoming vehicles, limited footway along the roadside. Some of the crossings are just beyond the speed camera in a downhill gradient meaning vehicles are moving quickly into accelerated speeds beyond 50 mph. I think a gold standard of flashing lights is appropriate at the Billesdon bypass. Vegetation management and prewarning crossing signs for the others on the A47.



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The crossings between Skeffington and East Norton should have crossing warning signs and with better vegetation management.

A607

SK 69682 17027 Frisby on the Wreake, Leicestershire Round

///staked.excusing.forks

Fast, busy, narrow road, poor verges that fall quickly into the ditches either side of the highway. Well used footpath crossing. Needs footpath crossing signage, vegetation management and verge levelling as there is barely any safe footway.

A5 Watling Street (National Highways)

SP 48918 86582 Watling Street, White House Farm ///dwelled.sisters.mavericks

Dual carriageway no provision for pedestrian crossing, not even a split in the middle barrier on the dual carriageway.

SP 45516 89769 Smockington ///dearest.catch.hillsides

SP 42041 91854 ///stuff.estate.broken

The A5 is a terribly busy, fast road. There is poor pedestrian crossing facility.

The County Highways should be lobbying the National Highways in unison with the LFA for urgent safety amelioration at the A5 footpath crossings to what we perceive as the LFA considers a gold minimum standard on this dangerous road the A5.

Proposed Trunk Road A5 – A47 Link Road Near Hinckley

What provision have been made for safe footpath crossings in the design for:

FP T54/7

FP U7/2

FP U6/2

How will this affect the footpaths? What safety measures for footpath crossings could be incorporated into the design. Suggesting the LCC Highways have an urgent



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review of pedestrian crossings on these proposed sections of roads. Do these footpaths need a gold standard footpath crossing amendment to the design layout?

The North and East Melton Mowbray Distributor Road (NEMMDR)

7.1km completion early 2026 What footpath crossing safety provision have been included in the design? As this construction is in hand needs an urgent review.

SK 76716 17749 Footpath Jubilee Way

SK 77427 20317

SK 77169 20735

SK 77143 20735

SK 76128 21469 Footpath Jubilee Way

SK 74860 21441

These roads are nearly finished what safety provisions have been made for these footpath crossings? How will this affect the footpaths? What safety measures for footpath crossings could be incorporated into the design. Suggesting the LCC Highways have an urgent review of pedestrian crossings on these proposed sections of roads. Do these footpaths need a gold standard footpath crossing amendment to the design layout.

Fosse Way, Syston

SK 62224 12937 52.71053, -1.08041

///present.crows.clef

Footpath I63a/11

Remarkably busy road, fast moving cars coming off from the roundabout, very restricted crossing space, poor visibility for pedestrians coming off the footpath and very limited view of pedestrians stepping into the road by oncoming cars at the crossing. This crossing needs vegetation to be cut right back and the footway/verge needs better management.



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A46 Ratcliffe National Highways

Leicestershire Round

Footpath 155/2, 155/3 [///kitchens.cool.forge](http://kitchens.cool.forge)

This is one of the worst crossings in Leicestershire, I have videos of me and others crossing this section of this fast trunk road. Fast vehicles are upon you within a second or two after crossing there is no safety margin, crossing this road.

A pedestrian trip or a slight hesitation could prove to be fatal. This road needs pedestrian footpath crossing warning signs PIFWLA, and footpath countdown signs as a very minimum to increase the safety provision at this crossing. Speed control would be a major advantage at this point of the A46. The proximity of the entrances to the College and the footpath crossing from the grounds of the College make the requirement for an implementation of safety measures even more urgent and appropriate.

The County Highways should be lobbying the National Highways in unison with the LFA for urgent safety amelioration at the Ratcliffe footpath crossing to what we perceive as the LFA considers a gold minimum standard on this the most dangerous road the A46.

Beacon Road, Ulverscroft.

This is not a direct footpath crossing; it involves walking along the narrow busy road between these two grid points. The verge is uneven and a very intimidating section of the walk between Beacon Hill and Ulverscroft Lodge. Amelioration could be a better verge or footway or a safer new Footpath parallel to the road connecting to footpath K1a/1, My understanding is that the land has just been sold, can a deal be done with the new owners for a strip of land?

SK 50353 14134 Lat, Long: 52.72252, -1.25592

[///fillings.soils.busters](http://fillings.soils.busters)

SK 50602 14255 Lat, Long: 52.72359, -1.25221



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///destined.enveloped.slab

Hospital Lane, Blaby.

SP 57491 97067

/// tanks.clever.stick Bridleway Z53/2, Z43/5

Very busy and fast minor road. This is a well-used footpath. Warning signs and speed controls need to be addressed.

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Ref 1 <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/reported-road-casualties-great-britain-provisional-results-2024/reported-road-casualties-in-great-britain-provisional-estimates-2024#trends-in-casualty-rates>

Ref 2 <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/reported-road-casualties-great-britain-pedestrian-factsheet-2021/reported-road-casualties-great-britain-pedestrian-factsheet-2021>

