

**Ordinary Meeting of Harberton Parish Council**  
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**Proposed alternative layout for Harbertonford zebra crossing**

In 2003 a zebra crossing was installed across the A381 in Harbertonford, outside the Maltsters Arms. Over the years the Parish Council has been in contact with Devon County Council asking for more to be done to reduce road speeds through the village, and help to make crossing the road safer, particularly as there have been several accidents and near misses on the crossing itself.

Engineers working on behalf of Devon County Highways were asked to look at the zebra crossing and offer a proposal for a revised layout that could somewhat alleviate the concerns with the existing crossing.

On looking at alternative locations both north and south of the river bridge, engineers consider that moving the crossing north approximately 20m and reallocating an area of existing carriageway within Woodland Road as footway would offer a marked improvement, primarily to improve visibility with traffic approaching from the south whilst not impacting the visibility from the north. Although limited, some footway widening on the east side could then also be undertaken to improve its link with Old Road.

It is not Devon County Council's intention to move the zebra crossing as proposed without the support of the local community and to ensure it will not spend money on a project that will still be considered unacceptable. The Parish Council therefore circulated a link to an online questionnaire, asking people who live and work in the Parish to give their views on the plans, so that those views can be fed back to the engineers and to Devon County Council.

The questionnaire was published on the evening of 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Links were:

- emailed to people in the village with contact to members of clubs and societies (for example, representatives of the Village Hall committee, St Peter's Church, Harbertonford Primary School, the Football Club, Harbertonford Allotment Society, the Community Speed Watch group, Harbertonford Park Improvements Committee)
- published on Harbertonford and Harberton Facebook pages
- published in June's edition of Village Life
- published in the Harberton Village E-Circular

In order for views to be taken into account prior to consideration by the Parish Council at the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> June, the notice asked people to respond by midnight on 12th June 2023 either by completing the online survey, writing to the Parish Clerk or attending the meeting of the Parish Council at which the matter would be discussed.

At the time of circulating this paper with the meeting agenda (8<sup>th</sup> June 2023), **48** people had responded to the questionnaire, and two had made comments by email.

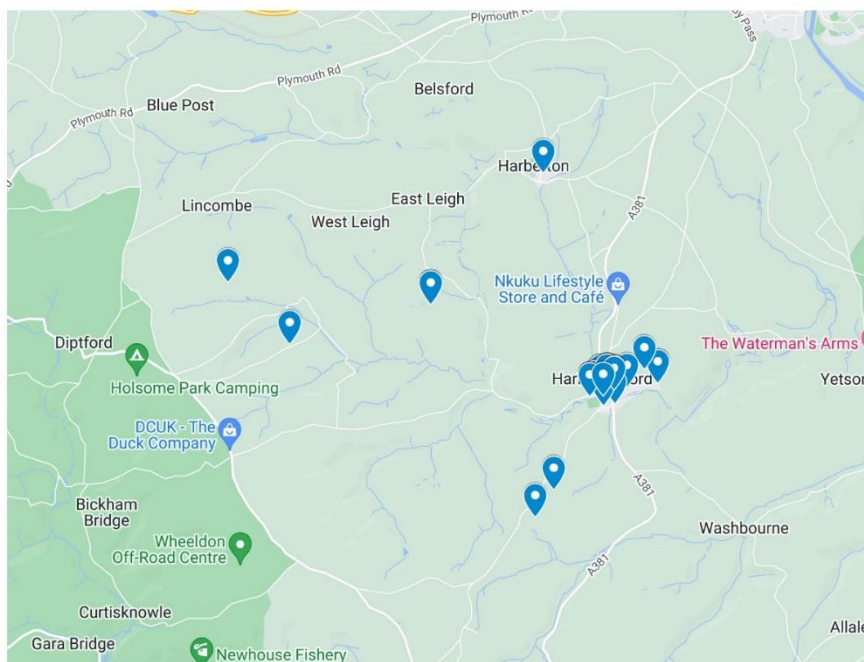
Results from that survey follow. Parish Councillors will be given an update at the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 if there have been any further responses.

**Proposed alternative layout of zebra crossing: Survey responses at 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

1. Please give us your postcode or the name of the town/village you live in, so we have an idea of who is responding to this questionnaire:

Harbertonford	43
Harberton	3
Rural Harberton Parish	3
Outside Parish (East Allington)	1
No response	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>

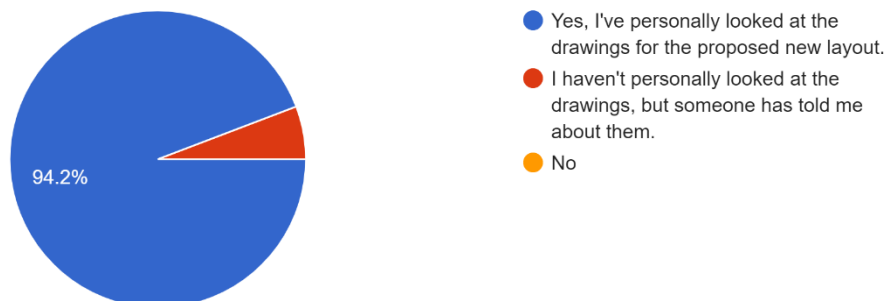
*Plus 2 email responses from Harbertonford residents.*



Postcodes given by respondents to zebra crossing consultation

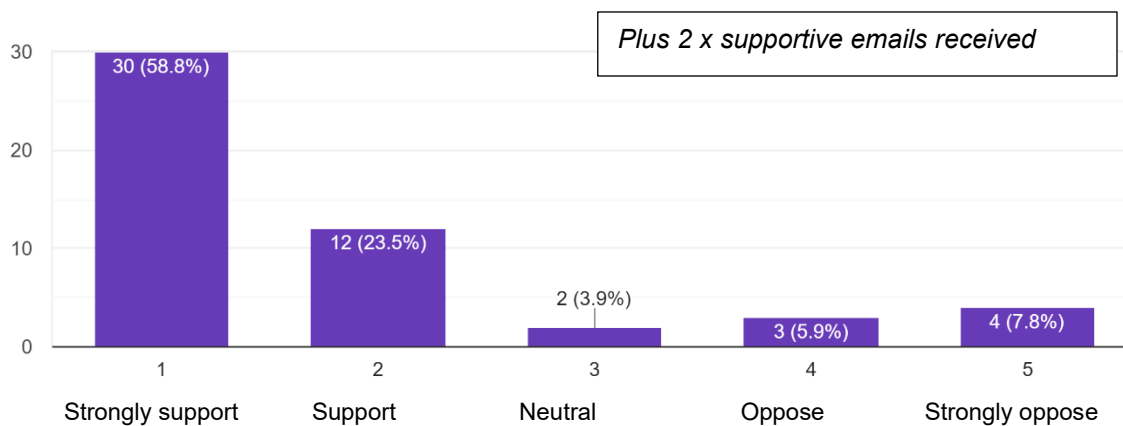
2. Have you looked at the plans that this questionnaire is asking for feedback on?

52 responses



3. Do you support or oppose the new road layout, drawn up by engineers?

51 responses



4. Please tell us more about why you are in support or in opposition to the plans as they have been drawn. If your opinion is divided or you are unsure, please let us know more about that here:

Support or opposition to plans	Reasons given for being in support or in opposition to plans
<p>58.8% of those who responded to the questionnaire were in <b>STRONG SUPPORT</b> of plans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Proposed location offers greater visibility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Safer for everyone crossing the road. After helping on school excursions, this would be much safer for the children of the village. It is a better location for drivers to see people crossing.</li> <li>○ I have used the zebra crossing a number of times and very often cars from Kingsbridge do not see the crossing early enough. Normally if we family one person will cross and then stand to say if okay to cross but they are not always there.</li> <li>○ Better visibility for drivers as currently the crossing is too close to the corner and so less risk of near misses where drivers fail to see people on the crossing in time.</li> <li>○ The new location offers better visibility and will be safer for pedestrians. We use the crossing every day to get to school, and this seems like a much more sensible location. I also support the provision of cycle racks next to the bus stop to encourage people to cycle to the bus. Any widening of the pavement towards Old Road would also be a great improvement. Traffic routinely thunders through that part of the highway, often accelerating in anticipation of leaving the village, and can be very daunting to walking on the narrow strip of pavement with small children.</li> <li>○ Because the current zebra crossing is difficult to see when coming from Totnes and it is harder for vehicles (especially lorries) to slow down sufficiently when coming down the hill from Dartmouth/Kingsbridge. Now that we have the speed counter sign near the garage, vehicles will (hopefully) naturally slow down at that stretch of road too.</li> <li>○ This should I hope give better sight of the crossing from the south. It won't however make any difference regarding drivers who blatantly ignore waiting pedestrians.</li> <li>○ They remove the hazard of the blind corner and improve visibility for drivers approaching from the south.</li> <li>○ Much better visibility for the crossing. Positive to see cycle racks included.</li> <li>○ In favour of move of pedestrian crossing to position as shown on plan. I have a mobility disability and have to use 2 walking sticks, or mobility scooter. Where the crossing is now means I literally take my life in my hands crossing because I walk slowly and cars coming from down from the hill speed around the corner and cannot see you until you are half way across. Trying to cross from the church side you cannot see whether traffic is coming from your right. This is so dangerous. Also the pavement outside the "Malters" is not wide enough for a mobility scooter or pram to turn and wait for traffic to stop. Or coming to get off the crossing at the Malters again not enough room. So totally in favour of move. Plus the warning signs need TO WORK as the one coming down the hill never lights up.</li> <li>○ More visibility would be helpful I have seen many cars not stop and often drive through whilst I am standing there.</li> <li>○ The new location is much clearer. I am worried that the pavement opposite the pub is still too thin though. Ideally this would also be widened.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Cars don't stop for the crossing in the current location – high number of near misses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ I support the new plans for moving the zebra crossing, this is because I'm often walking across with my little ones and find it quite worrying the speed that traffic comes through. I have on occasions had to wait for 5 or so cars to go past before one has stopped due to them being unable to safely stop in time.</li> <li>○ I have nearly been knocked over a couple times crossing the zebra crossing were [sic] it is now, some cars just don't stop, as travelling too fast. And feel like this could be the answer.</li> <li>○ Crossing the road at that point requires putting your trust in the hope that cars are going slow enough to stop in time - which they often aren't.</li> <li>○ Having almost been hit on the existing crossing I think moving it further away from the corner that people speed around is a good idea</li> <li>○ The current position of the zebra crossing is dangerous. The amount of times I've been waiting to use it and people don't stop, mainly because they're going too fast, is</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>high, especially from Halwell side as it's too close to the corner and unless you've driven the road before, you wouldn't necessarily know it's there.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ My children have been nearly run over many times as it is rare that cars stop for them on that crossing. Anything to make it safer for them and more likely that cars would stop has got to be better.</li> <li>○ I have used the current crossing most days for 5 years. During this time I have felt unsafe many times when a driver has to emergency stop. I have even been shouted at by drivers after they have stopped.</li> <li>○ Safer for people/children crossing the road. So many vehicles don't stop for pedestrians.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Because the current location is unsafe</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ My children often visit friends in Harbertonford, use the post office or the village hall meaning they often cross this crossing. My children's school also use it to attend the local church. It's a deadly and unsafe crossing there it is.</li> <li>○ Current position unsafe</li> <li>○ It will make crossing the road a lot safer</li> <li>○ I think it will possibly be safer</li> <li>○ My daughter walks to school along the main road</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Better to move the crossing than keep it where it currently is</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The crossing as it is now is dangerous and if this is the only other spot for it, then please move it there.</li> <li>○ I support the plans, it is a bit of a case of 'it is better than nothing' but with the road in its current layout; I see no other better option. I think it will give that bit more time to see cars are for cars to see pedestrians coming from the Dartmouth side of the bridge.</li> </ul> <p>I have had too many near misses for there to be nothing done.</p> </li> <li>● <b>Other</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The current crossing does not seem to be used due to its location. People cross earlier or later. Placing it by the bus stop and improving pavement size will help to make it safer and provide a safe way to access the bus stop and shop from the small church car park.</li> <li>○ The current crossing makes exiting Old road by car difficult as cars are concentrating on the crossing and not the junction. The visibility of the crossing is poor travelling south to north as it's very close after the blind corner.</li> <li>○ The road needs traffics calming measures to make it a safer road going through the village</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>23.5% of people who responded to the questionnaire were in SUPPORT of plans</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Proposed location offers greater visibility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Makes sense to move the crossing further away from the sharp bend.</li> <li>○ It seems the best answer to the issues of vehicles seeing pedestrians far enough ahead of encountering the crossing at which they must stop.</li> <li>○ The current zebra crossing is blind to those driving in the Totnes direction from Dartmouth. I also welcome the widening of the footpaths on either side of the A381.</li> <li>○ In Brief, it seems so much more sensible to have a crossing on a straight piece of road where traffic from each direction can clearly see and therefore be aware of in advance - unlike the current one, which is virtually on a blind bend , certainly coming from the direction of Kingsbridge. It looks as though this crossing should suit all villagers and not inconvenience anyone. I am not sure for what reason the original crossing was chosen to be sighted in such a hazardous location - but it makes excellent sense to put it right for everyone's safety.</li> <li>○ Better view of the crossing for drivers going both ways</li> <li>○ I took a walk to the site and viewed it from a pedestrian point of view. Looking north as you approach to the current crossing on the Malsters side (ie looking at the car lane closest to you) has terrible visibility now. New location much better. And looking south on the opposite side (ie again trying to see the cars in the oncoming lane, when stepping onto crossing) terrible now but much better at new location.</li> <li>○ I believe this will improve the visibility and lead in distance approaching from the South. However, moving it further North will make it slightly less safe from cars driving from Totnes, and may also make it less likely that some people would bother</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>walking that bit further up the road. On balance, though, I believe the benefits of moving it far outweigh the negatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Personally, I think the proposed new site for the zebra crossing is a good one. I have always thought that the present location is poor in that you are quickly upon it when driving down the hill from the Kingsbridge direction with not a great view.</li> <li>● <b>Cars don't stop for the crossing in the current location – high number of near misses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Having two young children whom I walk to and from school every day, crossing that road at the zebra, the majority of times cars do not stop. It's hard for cars to see you from the maltsters side, and that's very dangerous as the pavement is so narrow. I would support moving the crossing and making it more prominent alongside a 20mph speed zone for the village and wider pavements. The section by the old pub is very dangerous.</li> <li>○ I am in support of moving the zebra crossing to the proposed location as I and my family have frequently been stood at the current crossing and witnessed cars driving towards Totnes failing to stop at the crossing.</li> <li>○ I have frequently waited at the current zebra crossing and often numerous cars just drive past without any attempt to slow down, let alone stop. So I am sure that moving the crossing will be an over all improvement.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Because the current location is unsafe</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The existing crossing is unsafe, and this is an improvement.</li> <li>○ The crossing is dangerous.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Better to move the crossing than keep it where it currently is</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It appears to provide the best solution to improving pedestrian safety, especially if the speed limit was also reduced.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Some concern that people won't walk further to use it</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ On the whole I support the plan, but fear that moving the crossing some yards to the north means that residents on the Moreleigh Road side of the village will have a 70, 0r 80 yard additional walk to cross onto Old Road, the school, village shop etc and will be tempted to hop across by the bridge.</li> <li>○ Slightly concerned that people will cross the road near the bridge and won't walk the extra distance and back on the other side</li> <li>○ My only hesitation is that it's currently in a central position between the north and south directions when coming from old Rd. if it moves furthers north that might make a person (Especially younger person?) more likely to risk nipping across by the bridge? I'm picturing a youngster heading to the football ground or youth club.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3.9% of respondents to the questionnaire were NEUTRAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Increased visibility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Overall I feel I do support the new plan. As my child will soon be using the bus for school I like that it will lead them safely to the bus stop with no need to cross the top of woodland rd. and I agree that visibility will be better.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Some concern that people won't walk further to use it</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ My only hesitation is that it's currently in a central position between the north and south directions when coming from old Rd. if it moves furthers north that might make a person (Especially younger person?) more likely to risk nipping across by the bridge? I'm picturing a youngster heading to the football ground or youth club.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Will this solve one problem but create another at Woodland Road?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Better sight lines and approach but may cause issues with bus stop and woodland rd junction</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5.9% of those who responded to the questionnaire were in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Traffic lights would offer a better solution</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The A381 is a dangerous place for pedestrians. I do not believe that moving the zebra crossing will have any impact whatsoever. The email in the information provided dated 29 Sept 2020 states that all zebra crossing options are risky and non compliant, and asks if consideration to traffic lights has been given. To have a real impact and make this road a safer place for all users, something more than moving</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



<b>OPPOSITION to plans</b>	<p>the zebra crossing from one unsuitable place to another! Lorries travelling close to an 80cm pavement, with wing mirrors overhanging at head height are a constant danger. Why is the casualty rate a relevant factor here, why should we have to see casualties before people will listen, we deserve better than that.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Anticipation of new safety issues at Woodland Road</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ My view is that a zebra crossing just to the left of the exit from Woodland Road is asking for trouble. Drivers coming out of Woodland Road bound for Totnes will be looking to the right for oncoming traffic and a situation where someone is using the crossing while a driver is trying to get into a stream of traffic is one to be avoided.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Road narrowing and access issues at Woodland Road</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The new location is much safer, but I'm concerned the narrowing of the road at the A381/ Woodland Road junction will hinder or prevent large vehicles (eg: emergency services, trucks, agricultural machinery) from accessing Woodland Road.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>7.8% of those who responded to the questionnaire were in STRONG OPPOSITION to plans</b>	<p><b>NB two of the four respondents who ticked 'strongly opposed' gave positive responses:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not sure how to use the above section but I support the change - I have children at the Primary school and find the current crossing incredibly dangerous!</li> <li>• Wider pavement for the crossing, vehicles can see pedestrians more easily, it is not on a corner.</li> </ul> <p><b>People won't travel the extra distance to use it</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People will not use the crossing as proposed. I cannot stress this enough! The majority who use the crossing live on the other side of the bridge and they will NOT walk to the crossing from the shop side and then cross over and turn left and walk back on themselves! We live next to the crossing and people already cut across before the crossing now! They will NOT walk an extra 20ft. Turn the present crossing into a pelican crossing.</li> <li>• <b>Plans will cause issues at Woodland Road and doesn't solve the issue of traffic approaching at high speed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The plan is misleading because the finalised zebra crossing will have taken virtually all the left hand lane at the entrance of Woodland Road. This will cause entry and exit problems for drivers. Also, the narrowing of the road at the site of the Zebra crossing will cause severe congestion on the main road as it is a strategic road to King's bridge. The main road is used extensively by lorries, many of them articulated. There will be long traffic queues, effectively blocking access and exit from Woodland Road. There should be more signs warning of a Zebra crossing on the approach to Harbertonford from the Eastern side of the village which would slow the traffic before the existing Zebra crossing. The new plan for resting the Zebra crossing will cause severe problems for the residents of Woodland Road.</li> <li>○ The danger with the current crossing is its poor visibility and proximity to the corner in the main road, exacerbated by the large volume of through traffic which are not abiding by the legal speed restrictions. Moving it further away from that corner has to be an improvement but I think the issue of traffic approaching from Kingsbridge down the steep hill over the speed limit is not being addressed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## 5. Do you have any questions or comments you would like the Parish Council to raise with the engineers who drew up these plans?

### Local observation or a desk exercise?

- Did the engineers who drew up the plans actually visit the area before drafting their plan?

### Can there be more than one crossing?

- The village would benefit from additional crossings, three in total. One near the garage and one at the foot of Moreleigh Road. These points are where people ACTUALLY cross the road to get to the shop, school, home, village hall, park or footy field and back.

### Could there be traffic lights/pelican crossing?

- Can there be pedestrian crossing lights there too? ie traffic lights?
- Have traffic lights been considered?
- The only viable option that would work is leave the crossing where it is so that the most people use it and make it a pelican crossing with traffic lights that is really well signed on the blind side of the bridge so that all traffic slows down.

### Can there be more road markings?

- Can we add reflective horizontal SLOW lines or midline frogs' eyes in the lead up on both sides to the crossing please? this way the crossing's shifting away from its long-standing place since 2003 will be really clocked by motorists.  
Without the extra visibility markers on the road to highlight the new priority....I fear that the shift isn't far enough to 'register' with road users who are habitually used to the crossing at the pub door and across to the tarmac verge.  
Make the move VERY obvious and without a doubt graphically 'underlined' in any way possible as the road is a canvas to draw people's attention to it.

### Can there be more traffic calming or measures to reduce speeds?

- Any other interventions that can encourage or enforce slower vehicle through the village should be fully explored.
- Would Another "slow down" speed recognition sign at the the start of the village Totnes bound not be a good idea.
- The electronic sign north of the crossing has definitely improved speeding in the village, one on the north would also help

### Could cameras/speed cameras be installed as well?

- Could there be a camera installed too, to prevent any cars from not stopping.
- A speed camera would slow the traffic down.
- Can they install a speed camera

### Can speed limits be reduced?

- Not specifically but I would like to know why the 30mph speed limit cannot start earlier (as it does in halwell) and why there cannot be a 20mph speed limit in the village (as there is in halwell). It is a larger village that's halwell with many more people crossing the road as the main road cuts through the village
- Please can we reconsider a lower speed limit through village and surrounding roads? Cars race through and do not stop. I live on woodland Road and cats race down there too when it should be 20mph max.
- Given the constraints placed upon them I think they have made a decent fist of it, but I do question the refusal to implement 20 mph speed limits on main A roads. This is clearly not the case in other counties. Glastonbury for example has a 20mph speed limit on the A361 throughout the approaches and whole town which is very effective. Bristol is pretty much 20mph everywhere.

### Can pavements be widened?

- Any opportunity to widen the pavement running past the old pub building would be much appreciated. Cars travel very quickly along the road at that point and you can't fit an adult/child side by side on the pavement. It's also the main walking route up to the school
- Can you also widen the pavement outside the pub?
- Is there any more you can do to widen pavements more to ensure pavements are as wide and safe as possible?
- The width of the pavements is something that i have never considered before, but i can now see that the width and the general state of the pavement is inadequate and any improvement to this would be welcomed.

### Concerns about impact of installing the crossing at the bus stop

- How will it work when there is a bus present? Will it be a case of edging out and hoping cars coming from the garage side see you in time?
- I have been down to the area and I have to say that i would be in favour of moving it, although I have concerns regarding the proximity of the bus stop, but i cannot think of anyway the risks of this can be mitigated.

### Concerns/comments about impact of loss of parking in the Woodland Road splay

- Also, I do have concerns over the parking at the entrance of Woodland road. Currently cars park everywhere there. In the proposal, some of the road being taken to create the safe crossing. There will be no room for

cars to park. I see there will be double yellow lines but will this be enforced? Also where are you proposing these cars will park?

- I assume the car space is included so not to lose valuable parking spaces in the village, however it's location does feel a bit incongruous right next to the crossing. Could the bus shelter and parking location be swapped so there is more parking provision in the car park?

#### **Concerns/comments about potential congestion/reduction of traffic flow at Woodland Road**

- Please also consider the flow of traffic on Woodland Road. It is single track along the majority of the side of the church and could result in traffic backing up on to the A381.
- Without seeing a swept path analysis the tightening of the junction with Woodland rd may cause problems turning into the A381 going north. Currently if a bus is parked you have to negotiate oncoming traffic blind or rely on others to let you know it's clear plus with a tighter turn you risk over spilling into the oncoming lane, without a bus there. Another aspect is larger vehicles, which use woodland rd- tractors, dust cart, delivery vehicles etc...

#### **Concerns/comments about impact on traffic turning out of Old Road**

- Has any consideration been given to traffic turning right out of Old Road onto the A381? This is a completely blind corner and the only way to proceed is to gently nudge out, hoping traffic coming westbound see the front of your car before you can see them. Moving the zebra crossing will only make this worse, as cars will be going faster pulling away from the zebra crossing.

Is there a way to complement any change with a mirror to help drivers see traffic coming to this blind corner, to prevent a serious accident occurring?

#### **6. Do you have any other comments you wish to make about this proposal that you think should be taken into account when making a decision about going ahead with the plans or not?**

##### **Further comments in support**

- No - fully supportive
- Given the restrictive width of the A381 this plan seems to be the best option.
- So glad something is going to be done about this. I use the current zebra crossing most days and nearly every day at least one vehicle goes straight over even though I'm standing on the edge of the crossing.
- This would be a good thing for the whole of Harbertonford. It needs to be done.

##### **Further comments in opposition**

- As proposed it just will be more expense that the council can ill afford and it will not work!

##### **Traffic lights/pelican crossing**

- Can the crossing not have lights so traffic can see that they have to stop? Surely there can be short time stop lights so the traffic can continue to flow

##### **Concerns about visibility (lighting and being obscured by buses)**

- Will there be sufficient lighting on this crossing area? How will the lighting be created.  
Can the bus move further up to ensure there is always a view point of both sides of traffic?

##### **More/better signage, including interactive speed signs**

- Far better signage, including up to date electronic VAS signs and hopefully cameras should be considered a priority whether the crossing is moved, or not.
- How much notice will vehicles have or how likely they will be to slow down with the newly proposed crossing. Often with the current one they can't slow down in time.
- Also another speedometer sign on way into village from the Halwell side.

##### **Traffic calming**

- Speed bumps work

##### **Reduction of speed limit**

- I think it's a shame the speed limit can't be dropped / more traffic calming in that area. It would make it feel safer for the children who walk along that pavement to and from school. It's a big reason why I am nervous about them walking/cycling to school.
- Please reconsider 20mph speed zone for whole village



- Consider limiting speed to 20mph through the village on the A381
- A 20mph is sign posted to the current crossing, will this be replicated on the relocated one.

#### **More/better/wider pavement**

- Would it be possible to somehow widen and continue the pavement round into old road. As prams etc have to drop off a high kerb onto the roadway to turn into old road to access the PO/ shop.
- Widening the pavement outside the pub.
- Maybe that the issue for me is less the position of the crossing but more the need for better signage and definitely better, safer pavements. I would like a wider pavement on the east side leaving to the garage.
- I would definitely support any plans to widen the pavement running beside the front of the old Maltsters Arms as this is far too narrow. I also think the footpath leading up to the garage should be widened.
- I would also add that I believe it is highly likely that there have been more injuries from falls on the very poor pavement from the current crossing into woodland road than from the current zebra crossing and I am well aware of one that resulted in a visit to casualty at Newton Abbot in the last year. It would therefore be most useful if at some stage a request could be forwarded for this pavement area to be much improved and restored, at present the few pedestrians choose to walk in the road for safety!!

#### **Affect on Woodland Road**

- Will it affect the entrance to Woodland Road?
- Entry into woodland rd off the A381 from both directions need to be considered as it's a single lane, so you have an added risk of waiting vehicles on the A381. One in one out for single lanes. Narrowing to entry mouth of woodland rd omits a passing place.
- Sadly though I can see no advantage at all in the proposed moving and this is based mainly on living in such proximity of the bus stop and woodland Road Junction. It really can be mayhem at times and the proposals as outlined clearly have not fully considered just what does go on here and how difficult the traffic flows can be.

#### **Affect on Old Road**

- As above, please provide an improvement to the safety of traffic turning right out of Old Road onto the A381, a simple mirror would be a good start.

#### **Other**

- The other thing that would encourage people to use the bike racks would be if they are covered and protected from the rain. I appreciate that this would cost more, but would also increase the likelihood of them being used.
- Will the Parish Council visit the site of the planned new crossing visit the area before making their decision?
- The poor parking due to lack of parking availability within the village.

### **7. Do you have any more comments you'd like to make about road safety on the A381 in general?**

#### **Reduce/enforce road speeds**

- **Too fast**
  - The traffic through Harbertonford needs slowing down. The road over the last 5 years has got much busier, could we get some speed humps or something. Don't feel like the speed signs have done much.
  - Cars speed far too much through the village.
  - Speed is still a concern for us. I understand the mean speed is under 30mph. BUT... you only need 1 car, going too fast to hit someone. It will be devastating. What would the harm be in having 30mph speed cameras dotted around? Or average speed cameras at both ends. I think I have seen a decrease in speed with the new sign up at the garage. But can we do more? Could it be 20mph from between Mill Meadow Road to the entrance of Mill Meadow? All worth considering.
  - Cars drive too fast through the villages, often not paying attention to pedestrians. Lorries are one of the worst offenders as they try to get up speed to tackle the hill out of Harbertonford.
  - As above, traffic goes way too fast through the village, and often means drivers cannot react fast enough to pedestrians waiting at the crossing.
  - Moving the zebra crossing is essential with the speed people go through that corner. Accident waiting to happen.
  - Any possibility for slowing traffic into and out of the village before reaching the crossing would be great. There is near constant heavy traffic running through the village often travelling very fast. As a result they don't always stop at the zebra crossing

- Lower speed limits which are policed properly will safeguard lives through our villages and prolong the life of our road network.
- **20mph limit**
  - Road safety through the village would be considerably be improved by lowering the speed limit to 20 mph.
  - It's blindingly obvious that the speed limit on the A381 through the village should be 20mph and no real reduction in speeding will happen until there is a speed camera and/or traffic calming/speed bumps. Why is a 20mph limit in place through Stoke Fleming, for example, but not Harbertonford?
  - Don't like 20 mph speed limits generally, however it is needed through the village on the A381
  - I would like to know why the 30mph speed limit cannot start earlier on the approach to the village from both directions (as it does in halwell) and why there cannot be a 20mph speed limit in the village (as there is in halwell). It is a larger village that's halwell with many more people crossing the road as the main road cuts through the village. The speed some big lorries come though the village is scary and dangerous.
  - It's incredibly disappointing that as a 'strategic route ' the A381 is unlikely to ever achieve a 20mph limit. What's the possibility of alternatives? Voluntary 20 is Plenty Campaign; tariffs for HGVs; a bypass!!
  - Lower speed limit (20mph) for whole village. Most parts of London is now 20mph. This doesn't seem unreasonable and would make walking in the village so much safer, especially with children. It is also better for pollution and noise in village. The surrounding village roads should be 20mph too.
  - Other villages along the A381 now have 20mph zones, if this was consistent through all villages it would be easier for drivers to understand, creating a systemic improvement to road safety.
- **Traffic calming/cameras/vehicle activated signs**
  - More speed camera. Traffic calming.
  - People need to be held more accountable for breaking the speed limits through the main road and village.
  - A speed camera would really help slow vehicles coming from Totnes into the village. I walk my daughter to school along the very narrow path (whilst also using one hand to push the buggy). And some cars and lorries are going stupidly fast.
  - Heading into the village from Kingsbridge requires a speed notification sign.
  - The recent signs have helped slowing traffic down by there is still so many speeding through all the lanes and the main rd. Traffic jumps or such would also be useful!
  - I personally was nearly hit 2 days ago whilst already halfway across the crossing. There should also be a speed camera installed, and a limit to heavy vehicles passing through the village. We are living at Bridge House and it is like taking your life in your hand every time stepping out of the door. We also have animals and children.
  - Traffic heading northbound into the village still needs to be slowed down, and should be considered alongside the crossing plans. Traffic also enters the village at speed from the south west onto Moreleigh Rd and as the road has no pavement, pedestrians are at risk.
  - Speed. The recent warning sign does not work. People ignore it and recent surveys undertaken do not reflect the true extent of speeding vehicles.
  - The speed measure which has just been installed is doing it's job very well, should have had it ages ago
  - The new speed sign by the garage works well and does slow traffic down from Totnes IMO. Maybe one from the other side as well?
  - Far more stringent speed restrictions required, speed cameras may be the only option!
  - Traffic calming measures, rumble strips, coloured tarmac, and better road markings and signage should be included. The LED speed indicator sign is a positive measure, and a similar one should be installed on the approach from the South.

### Large/heavy vehicles

- I read last week in the press that even larger trucks, over 2m longer and 4 tons heavier have now been authorised on our roads. I think this is insane around Devon and Cornwall's rural communities and really does mean it has to be sensibly controlled.

### Pavements are too narrow

- I've al always felt that this road is incredibly dangerous, even with the new speed limit, I don't think there's any real change. I would never let my children walk to the garage on their own, as the pavement is too narrow.
- The path up to the garage is very narrow
- We need to look at the pavement width outside the Malters Arms. I estimate it to only be in some areas around 600mm. It is terrifying with a pram/ dog and toddler in tow, with large volumes of traffic passing.
- As above, pavement widening between Old Road and garage.

### **Potholes and poor road surface**

- Potholes need repairing
- Pot holes from the garage to old road are terrible especially with more heavy goods vehicles on the road.
- The village road requires resurfacing urgently, Devon highways are a disgrace
- There are drivers who think that they have the right to ignore signs and therefore it is very difficult to see what can be done to improve safety beyond what is proposed.
- The horrendous large pot holes make it a very dangerous road.
- Concerned that the impact of large vehicles is adding to the poor condition of the roads and making it more dangerous, especially for cyclists.
- Devon Highways are terrible. Too many potholes. (Also Moreleigh road has been a nightmare/dangerous during the Halwell closure!)

### **Reduce traffic?**

- More buses into town so less people driving??
- Unfortunately the only way to Dartmouth/Kingsbridge etc. is via the A381 so the huge lorries have to use this road. Unless a bypass was built, I can't see any other way round this problem.
- I wonder whether there are means by which the heavy traffic through the village could be reduced by encouraging use of alternative routes to Dartmouth, Kingsbridge etc. Whilst it has been pleasant to have the reduced traffic in the village whilst the road has been closed in Halwell, I have not seen the knock effect to the areas where the traffic has been diverted to!

### **Improving junctions/black spots**

- Hate it--Want a double mini roundabout to slow traffic and create better flow for cars and to help bigger vehicles enter and exit the Old Road at the PO/shop Bridge.
- Would Love! a better junction at the slip road entrance @ nkuku retail warehouse across from the junction with the Harberton/Daynes Farm Lane. There are many near accidents at the point where cars pull in/out of the retail park/farmer's drive while others are using the slip road (Old Totnes Road) to gain access to the village of Harbertonford and/or the A381 from the village AT SPEED, as an alternative to the Old Bridge junction.
- I live directly on the main road at The Mounts- where we have no pedestrian access or pavement. I would like to see speed cameras or the visible 'show your speed' camera at either junction of the Mounts which is often raced through. I have lived there for 25 years. Children walk from East Allington to the bus stop at The Mounts ( called Woodleigh on the stop )- they have to walk on an unpaved main road from Falapit Turn to that stop and back again each time - This is so they can get to college .It is so dangerous. I'd also like joggers barred from using the A381. They pointlessly put themselves and other road users in danger

### **Other**

- It's an essential road! Thank you for maintaining it.
- Would like a footpath in front of the Old Parsonage.