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23 Westbridge Cottages
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12th August 2016

Madam Mayor and fellow Councillors

I am asking for your support in an application to Devon County Council's Highways Department for the upgrade of the pedestrian crossing at Westbridge Cottages, Tavistock, to a pelican crossing.

This is a crossing which is in constant use during the day, and is particularly busy during the times children are going to and from the local primary and secondary schools. Local residents also use the crossing when boarding the bus to Plymouth, walking to The Meadows or in to town, or visiting the nearby garage shop. This is the only pedestrian crossing in the area.

There have been many near misses in recent years, where accidents have very nearly happened, particularly since the increase in traffic brought about by the introduction of the new Tesco's and Lidl's supermarkets.

The most recent accident happened on the 1st August 2016 when a lady using the crossing was knocked down by a car, the driver saying he hadn't seen her. The pedestrian was halfway across the crossing at the time of the incident, which resulted in her having a 5-hour operation to save her foot. This could have been so much worse had she been pushing a pram, or have had young children with her.

Most near misses appear to occur when cars are queuing behind a bus waiting at the bus stop, and cars and motorcycles choose to overtake, rather than waiting for the bus to pull away.

Staff in the local garage report that these near misses occur on almost a daily basis, and believe that a pelican crossing would make the crossing more visible to drivers, so they are more likely to drive more carefully, as well as making pedestrians feel safer. A petition has been started, which is attracting a great deal of support.

I would ask for the Town Council's support in this campaign to improve the safety of pedestrians on this very busy stretch of the A386.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Alick Venning

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Dear Sirs,

Re: Enq 16927935

We the undersigned, residents local to the zebra crossing on Plymouth Road at the Texaco Fuel Station, are extremely concerned about the safety of this crossing. Particularly as it is used by many less agile people and young school aged children.

There have been many 'near misses' due to some car drivers ignoring the crossing. During the most recent incident, on the afternoon of 01/08/2016, a woman was knocked down by a car on this crossing which has simply failed to stop. This incident resulted in injury to the lady both the police and ambulance services having to attend the scene.

The employee's of the Texaco garage have advised that they've been witness to many 'near misses'.

Due to the very real risk of severe injury or potential death, we would like Devon County Council to investigate these long standing problems with a view to installing a safer traffic light crossing.

Yours faithfully,



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