

Upgrade of existing Zebra Crossing to a Puffin Crossing - B1007 Stock Road, Billericay

Statement of Reasons

The existing zebra crossing is proposed to be upgraded to a signalised puffin crossing further to residents requests made through the County Councillors and supported by the Basildon Local Highways Panel. The zebra crossing is in the vicinity of Mayflower High School and is used heavily at school start and finish times.

Concerns have been raised, particularly at school times, about the high volume of pedestrians using the existing zebra crossing and frustrating drivers. Some drivers refuse to stop and those drivers that do stop are left waiting at the crossing for lengthy periods of time whilst large numbers of pedestrians cross. As a result both pedestrians and vehicle users are at risk from the behaviour of each other and potential collisions occurring.

The upgrade of the zebra crossing to a puffin crossing will assist in regulating both pedestrians and vehicular flow at this location on Stock Road and in turn reduce the amount of frustration experienced by all parties.