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To whom it may

RE: Road Safety

Further to a recent, very serious traffic accident involving a school parent, we are extremely concerned about road safety around the school and surrounding areas.

Parking and dangerous driving has always been an issue around school, in particular at the cross roads of Wheelers Lane and Plough Road, but this seems to have escalated in recent times.

People often park unsafely on the corners of the roads surrounding the school in particular at school drop off and pick up times, which causes blind spots for people entering and exiting the junction. Drivers often make dangerous U-turns and driver frustration turns to dangerous decision making and mounting onto pavements to get around obstacles.

There is a lot of heavy goods vehicle traffic entering and exiting Plough Lane and when these vehicles turn out of the junction their trailers often are very close to the kerb meaning they are dangerously close to pedestrians walking along the path.

With all of this in mind we would like to see the following in place:

- A pelican crossing (with traffic light control) at the area of the cross roads.
- Railings on the corners of the paths surrounding the cross roads.
- One way lane into Wheelers Lane from Plough Road end down to the Dr's surgery with vertical parking down the right hand side of wheelers lane.
- Zebra crossing outside school in Wheelers lane with a narrowing of the road.
- Red route outside residences as there are always major parking issues, including double parking and blocking of driveways. Children are exiting cars parked outside houses into the middle of the road and there have been several near-fatalities.





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The safety of our children travelling to and from school is of paramount importance as is that of the wider community. We trust that all of the above will be considered of high importance. I am keen to meet with the highways team to look at solutions and look forwarding to hearing your views.

Many thanks

Yours faithfully

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