## Statement from Mr Hyde

I personally, and on behalf of The Royal National Institute of Blind People wish to see equality between visually impaired people and their sighted peers in the built environment.

Loss of vision substantially impacts personal mobility.

signal control crossings are a key adjustment to enable blind and partially sighted pedestrians, who cannot make eye contact with drivers, to cross roads.

There are an estimated 20,300 people living with sight loss in Dorset, this does not include the elderly, disabled, children or mothers with young children who will be at risk without this controlled crossing.