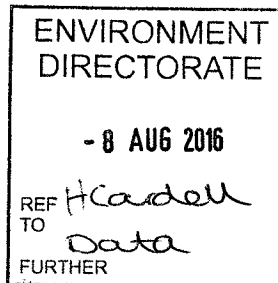


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1st August 2016

Dear Helen

Further to our emails back in June, I am now writing on behalf of Puddletown Area Parish Council to formally request that consideration is given to the installation of a pedestrian light controlled crossing in Puddletown at the junction of the Blandford Road and the High Street.

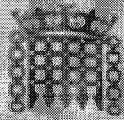
Enclosed is a letter signed by over 350 parents and residents who are all concerned about the safety of the crossing especially as children have to cross the road to get to the First School. As you may be aware, the First School has moved from the centre of the village to the outskirts and children now have to cross the busy junction to get to school. A pedestrian crossing was installed near the site of the old First School but I don't know if the Traffic Order for that can be transferred to a new site?

I have enclosed a map showing the desired location. I also enclose a copy of the letter of support received from Oliver Letwin MP. The proposal also has the backing of our County Councillor, Andy Canning and our Community Highway Officer, Jack Daniels.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Davies
Clerk to Puddletown Area Parish Council



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13th July 2016

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have been approached by the Puddletown Area Parish Council who have received a petition from residents living in Puddletown concerning the safety of pedestrians crossing the High Street at the crossroads with Blandford Road. Residents feel that now the school has moved to its new location, the likelihood of an accident occurring at this set of traffic lights is now far greater.

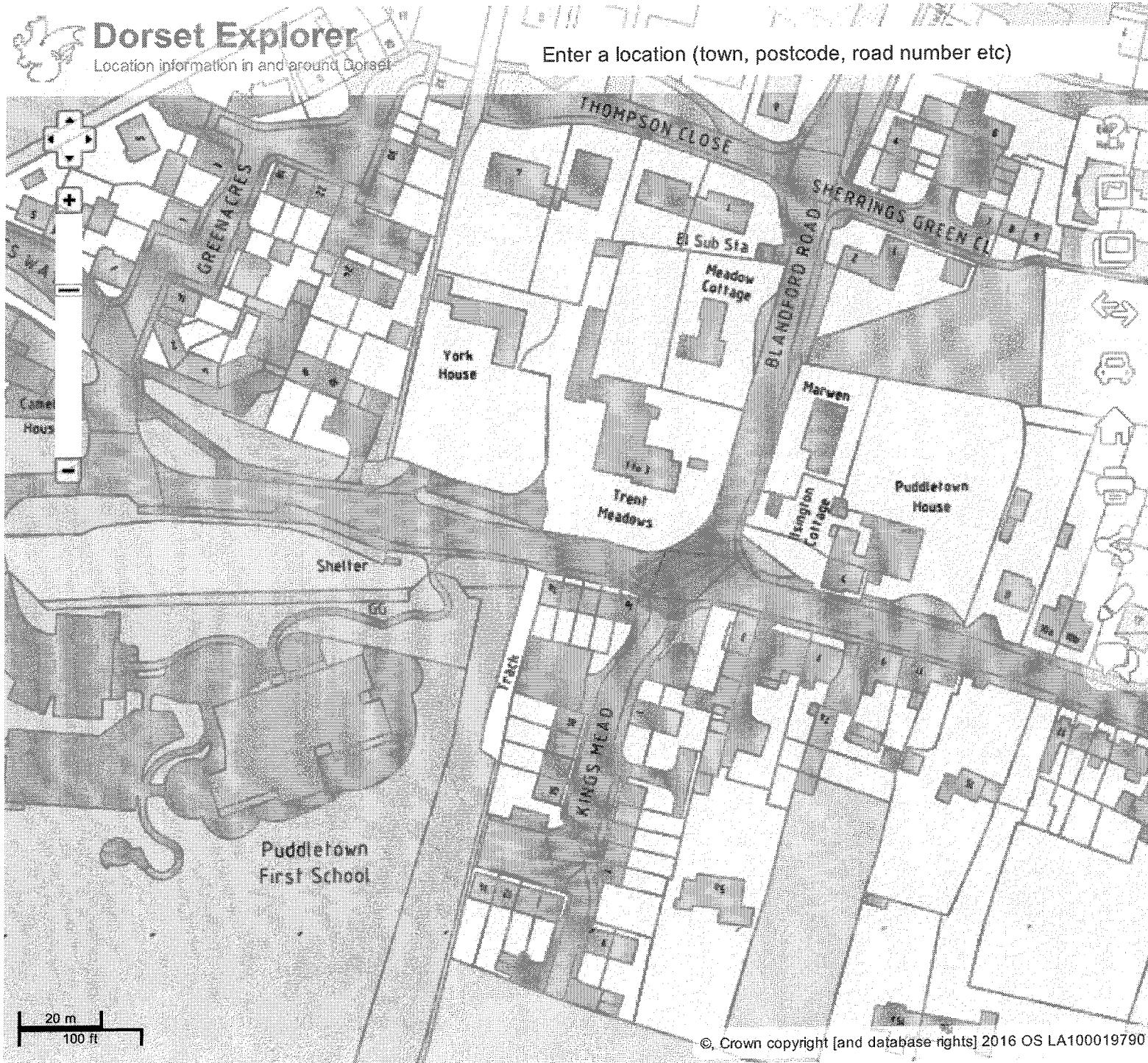
As this crossing has no dedicated system for pedestrians, parents are often rushing their children over the road to get to the First School and the timed sequence of traffic lights leaves little time for elderly people to be able to cross in safety.

I am writing to support strongly the request being made by the Parish Council for a pelican crossing to be installed at this site.


OLIVER LETWIN

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06.06.2016

Dear Parish Council

I am writing to you as we need your help in dealing with a matter which needs the support of our local Parish Council.

Parents have become increasingly concerned about the safety of pedestrians who use Puddletown High Street to cross the road. This has become more of an issue since the first school was moved to its new location. We need to prevent a serious accident before it occurs. Many parents and children cross at the High Street at the traffic lights on the crossroads. As these lights are not pedestrianised, parents often find themselves rushing children across between light changes and due to the blind nature of the corner into Blandford road this is unpredictable and dangerous.

As I am sure is appreciated, not all traffic obeys the traffic light commands, increasing the random nature of crossing and the potential for a serious accident. We would therefore like to propose that a pelican crossing, (a pedestrian light controlled crossing) is installed at the traffic lights on the High Street.

However it's not just the very young that we are concerned about, it's also the older children who are able to walk around the village without parental control and also the elderly who may take longer to cross the road than someone more active.

I have also spoken to the people who drive through the village and they have said how concerned they are when driving through the village that one day they could witness or cause an awful accident. It was most apparent when collecting the signatures that people felt very strongly that something needs to be done in order to make the roads safer in Puddletown.

It has also been suggested that it would be a good idea to have more signs put in the right place warning drivers they are approaching a school, and that it would also be helpful to have road markings to help drives slowdown in time or even change the speed limit to 20!

We would appreciate your support in this matter and I enclose our petition which holds 354 signatures.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and hope that you will help me in this worthy cause.

Kind regards.

Anna McKay-Smith