

Public Statements

Agenda Item 5 - Proposed Zebra Crossing Dorchester Road, Upton

1. Statement from Steven Baker, Resident of Upton

If the zebra crossing does go ahead I have three points I would like to raise.

- 1: I do not want the zebra crossing directly outside my property. It will hamper access to my drive and may become hazardous to pedestrians.
- 2: I would be happier if the crossing was moved adjacent to my property in line with the alleyway. It is a small distance but will make a huge difference.
- 3: I have great concerns regarding the flashing lights keeping us up at night as they will be continuously on.

Please can my concerns be account acted upon.

Agenda Item 6 - Application for Definitive Map and statement modification order to add a restricted byway from Catherine's Well to Hilton Road, Milton Abbas

1. Statement from Nelson Brockway, resident of Milton Abbas

I have lived in Milton Abbas all my life and for the past 51 years I have used the track daily to walk to work, the same as my Mother did before me. If access was denied a car would have to be used.

In my youth the track was a vital means of access for farm workers and Abbey employees for the residents in Catherine's well.

We must keep the track open to the public, not only for commuting, but also for walking and horse riding for existing/future parishioners to gain access to the Abbey grounds, St Catherine's Chapel.

2. Statement from Thomas Ives, Chairman, Milton Abbas Parish Council

Milton Abbas because of geography is split. The Historic Street, Catherine's Well, together with individual residences. The "Track" provides a vital means for all parishioners (walking and horse riders) to gain access to all parts of the village including the Abbey grounds, St Catherine's Chapel, woods, Farm shop etc. History shows this track has been used for hundreds of years by parishioners and public. Hence this definitive map modification is fully supported by the Parish Council.

3. Statement from Carol Shoopman, County Bridleways Officer for Dorset

The Application for a DMMO was lodged with DCC with the correct documentation in Sept 2009.

It has taken almost 9 years for this to be investigated (legally it should have been 1 year). The fingerposts indicated in the Report (p 7) are not on the route itself but at A2 on the map indicating a permissive footpath into Jane's Wood (not shown). The only notices along the route were designed and erected by Mr Burdett-Clark just after he purchased 9 acres of land including the track. Photographs of these have not been included in the report.

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Statement from Councillor Bill Pipe, County Councillor for Lytchett Minster & Upton Division, Dorset County Council

The Zebra crossing proposed for Dorchester Road in my Division has been a long time coming.

I started campaigning for this over three years ago. It has passed all the DCC "tests" and scores highly. As the then chair of governors at Upton Junior school, I garnered the support of both the Junior & Infant Schools, many hundreds of parents and children alike and all of the elected members for Lytchett Minster & Upton.

It is very much needed, particularly when the by-pass is closed and the Borough of Poole randomly decide to close any of the Poole Bridges.

The objections to a very small degree are legitimate, but I believe that these objections will fade in time once the crossing is established and we will all wonder what all the fuss was about.

I therefore urge your members to vote in favour of the Zebra Crossing and make Lytchett Minster & Upton a safer town; one in which our school children & elderly can cross the road in safety.

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Statement from Councillor Hilary Cox, County Councillor for Winterborne

I have read the report which I think is very comprehensive and reflects the situation accurately

My husband and his parents who lived in St Catherine s House certainly considered that the track was private. This was reflected in the granting of permissive rights for the village Walks and access to Jane's Wood. The sales of various pieces of land / property along the track include rights of access over the track which would not be necessary were it a public highway

However no barriers or notices were ever put up until recently. Mr & Mrs Cox Snr didn't make a habit of challenging anyone using the track although they did get annoyed when vehicles used it Nothing was done to prevent such vehicles using the track

It is established there has been unhindered usage for a very long time, obviously well used by the Abbey Estate pre 1933, not much used perhaps until the post war development of houses at St Catherine's Well and most importantly was not recorded as a Right of Way by the Parish Council when such mapping became a legal necessity

It has never been repaired by the Highway Authority, what maintenance has been done has always been at the expense of the 'landowners '

Had this claim been made for a Bridleway I'm sure life would have been much easier. The track is simply not suitable for heavy regular use by vehicles.

A restricted Byway.