

Accessible point to cross the Histon Road by Borrowdale

There is currently no pedestrian crossing between the two bus stops on the Histon Road by Borrowdale (the only cycle and pedestrian cut through to Arbury between Gilbert Road and Roseford Road).

In 2015 local councillors applied for, and were awarded, a local highways improvement grant to install a pedestrian crossing at this point. However, this was not installed, in part, ironically, as there is a speed camera nearby.

Following representations at the 8 August meeting local residents met with the County Council, Cambridge Cycling Campaign and Cllr Mike Todd-Jones to look at options for this location.

Unfortunately the Highway Projects and Road Safety Manager that was due to attend could not make the meeting in the end. A further site meeting is being scheduled. Any local people with an interest in supporting a crossing in this location should contact the Histon Road Residents Association.

The bus stops are located immediately adjacent to some flats that are run by the City Council's City Homes. A number of them are homes to people with disabilities. A local resident who uses a wheelchair joined the discussions when residents met by the roadside. He pointed out that as there is no dropped curb here it makes it especially dangerous for wheelchair users to cross the Histon Road between the bus stops here.

As the City Deal's objectives include prioritising pedestrians, cyclists and bus use we will look to explore how improvements to the Histon Road can be made at this point. We are interested in your thoughts on this so do get in touch.

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Since this meeting a further meeting at the site was held on October 12th and it was decided that the Crossing point will be raised at the Histon Road Workshop on October 31st as part of the City Deal.

An LHI bid will be drafted to improve the crossing point by introduction of a drop curb on the Castle side and the Borrowdale side should include improved cycle and pedestrian route by the gated area.

See attached photos for the proposed crossing site.

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