

1 Increase in size and frequency of HGVs especially double load straw lorries, both empty and full

Causing – danger to pedestrians especially elderly and family groups, noise, air pollution, wear and tear, straw litter. Making cycling especially hazardous.

Proposal – Decrease number of HGVs by determining reasons for journeys and ascertaining destinations and proposing alternative A road routes. Enforce weight restriction through a TRO.

2 Increase of family groups using Watton Road as a route to school with change of designation of Swaffham Junior School to all through Primary school

Causing - increased danger to pedestrians – groups of adults, children, prams, scooters, bikes and dogs have to pass each other, step out into road etc because of narrowness of pavement which is restricted to one side of the road.

Pavement is 73cm at its narrowest. Recommended width for adult and one child is 1.2m. Situation is further exasperated by parked cars. No regard for wheelchair users and people with disabilities

Proposal – Installation of proposed Zebra Crossing from Oaklands to Merryweather estate footpath network where there is safe pedestrian access to Brandon Road school crossings.

3 Junction with Brandon Road – a recognised congestion point in the town

Causing - high levels of danger to pedestrians and cyclists especially family groups on the way to and from school as they cross the road. Vehicle tail backs on Watton Road and Brandon Road. Vision and access impaired by parked cars on both roads.

Proposal – Improve vehicle and pedestrian safety at this junction. Provide an actual designated crossing route at some part of the junction with highly visible markings and signage and improved pavement management with safety railings to control flow.

4 Narrowness of pavement

Causing - safety issues for pedestrians – individuals and groups as previously outlined. No regard for wheelchair users or people with disabilities.

Proposal – Installation of new zebra crossing as previously mentioned. Also regular maintenance of hedging by council and residents to ensure maximum width of pavement can be utilised. Also ensure high quality maintenance of all pavement surfacing and edging to ensure maximum safety

5 Lack of safe crossing point in Oaklands vicinity

Causing - unnecessary numbers of pedestrians to use narrow pavement to access existing zebra crossing at Heathlands footpath when there is an existing wide and safe footpath behind the hedge on the Merryweather estate.

Proposal – Implement the proposed Zebra crossing in the light of the issues raised above. This crossing was planned for and a safety railing indicates the proposed point of access on the Merryweather side of the Watton Road.

