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Dear Cllr Seib,

Stourton Way Crossing

Thank you for your letter dated 5th January 2012, received by the Transport Development Group 17th January 2012, in support of a neighbourhood petition and residents survey for a pedestrian crossing at Stourton Way. Please can you express our thanks to all those who took the time to flag local concerns.

A crossing at the location you have proposed would provide a link in the off-road spinal path and green corridor running north-south through the residential areas and community facilities, to which you have alluded.

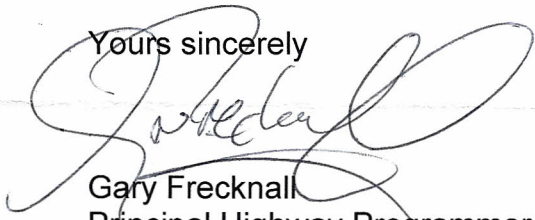
From the outset I would like to say that I am entirely sympathetic to the residents expressed concerns and that it has been the long held intention of Somerset County Council to provide a formal crossing point at this location.

Last year I spoke with the Brympton Parish Chair Elizabeth Glaisher on this matter who reiterated residents concerns, to which end I spoke to my colleague in our Development Control team at some length. The issue now, as then, is one of capturing the funding necessary to pay for this. The Brimsmore development affords the opportunity via section 106 funding to improve pedestrian facilities to offset its impact on the network. The spinal path in question provides through linkage to/from this new development and as such will be well used. It is therefore entirely reasonable for us to use this funding to realise the crossing in question. However, whilst this has been our long held aspiration, development has not come forward as envisaged due to the downturn in the economic environment. I am sure you will appreciate that sadly this is beyond the control of Somerset County Council. Please rest assured however that we will continue to work with the Developers and South Somerset District Council (the Planning Authority), to help facilitate this coming forward.

In the mean time we will undertake a feasibility study into options at this location for a pedestrian crossing facility (to be recouped from the s106 at a later stage). In acknowledging the petition, when this work has been undertaken, we will liaise with you, the Parish Council and the County Councillor, as community representatives, so that together we have a scheme in place when the development funding comes forward.

I look forward to working with you in coming months but should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Frecknall', written over a horizontal line.

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CC. Cllr Sam Crabb