

## **E-Petition: To increase pedestrian safety in Whitehouse Road**

**We the undersigned petition the council to (1) install railings and a raised kerb at the junction of Whitehouse Road and Blatches Chase. This location in question has a downhill section of road, a slightly adverse camber and right hand kink in the road, meaning the natural trajectory of vehicles is drawn left towards the pavement that is directly adjacent to the road. (2) In conjunction with point 1, consider making this crossing point a zebra crossing. (3) to review the location of the zebra crossing adjacent to Rochford Corner on Whitehouse Rd. It is unnecessarily close to the busy junction with Rayleigh Road and would benefit from being moved to the section of road between the junctions of Benvenue Avenue and Heycroft Rd.**

Having lived in Eastwood all my life I am aware of how busy Whitehouse Road continues to become. I now live on this very street and have seen countless collisions, kerb strikes, tyre blow outs and near misses caused by vehicles travelling too fast and/or not paying attention to the road.

Indeed, Essex Police has regularly conducted vehicle speed checks on this road in the last 12 months to help address the issue. This road is used as a cut-through by traffic avoiding the A127 to get to Rochford and beyond. I have grave concerns about the safety of pedestrians at the location identified in (1).

The location in point (1) has been the subject of several vehicles striking the kerb in recent years (at least 4 tyre blow outs in the last 12 months, all unreported to the authorities due to driver error) plus a number of vehicle collisions. The pavement has a section of grass verge that could be paved to compensate the railings and raised kerb. All members of the local community use this vulnerable section of pavement; school children, adults and elderly who frequently cross at this point to access the local Morrisons store and access the number 9 bus route in Western Approaches or Cherry Orchard county park.

At the site mentioned in point (3) many children struggle to cross the congested road at the start and end of the school day to access Heycroft School since their parents park in roads south of Whitehouse Road to avoid congesting Benvenue Avenue.

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This ePetition ran from 24/01/2017 to 20/03/2017 and has now finished.

67 people signed this ePetition.

The e-petition is supplemented by a hard copy petition signed by 122 residents.