

STURTON BY STOW PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Katie,

Subject: Installation of a Puffin Crossing in Sturton By Stow

The Sturton by Stow Parish Council wishes to express our own and our community's strong endorsement and full support towards the installation of the proposed puffin crossing in our village of Sturton By Stow. A crossing was first requested in 1989, now with the growth of the village and associated traffic a crossing has never been more needed.

The proposed location captures the highest pedestrian footfall and crossing point across the very busy A1500. This would be a massive improvement in safety for pedestrians of all ages and abilities. This will also help and support traffic calming measures within the village as speeding on the A1500 through the village is a major issue.

A crossing will also provide an economic boost for the small businesses that are within our village, where crossing the busy road puts a lot of people off. Along with business, this will allow families and younger generations a safe crossing point giving access to local play parks and other key amenities and infrastructure such as the village hall, recreation field and our many miles of public footpaths. The biggest beneficiaries are children, mothers with pushchairs and the elderly alike.

This is in line with our neighbourhood plan, ensuring we continue to meet the following policies: -

1. Policy 1: Sustainable development “support the economic, social and environmental growth of the community”.
2. Policy 7: Employment and Business Development – Supports the local business and gives further opportunities for growth and people that walk to work. “Promote Sturton by Stow and Stow as places to live and work, thus enhancing the social and economic growth of the Parishes as whole.”
3. Policy 8: Community Facilities – Giving safe access for those trying to cross the A1500 to get access to key facilities such as the Village Hall. This is one of the 23 listed facilities identified.
4. Policy 15: Walking and cycling – Giving residences safe access to all footpaths on either side of the A1500. These footpaths extend out to neighbouring villages which gives access to support local businesses and heritage sites.

The Parish Council, in collaboration with concerned residents and support from external bodies, has extensively assessed the traffic conditions and pedestrian safety challenges in our village. After thorough consideration and consultation, it is evident that the introduction of a puffin crossing will serve as a crucial measure to mitigate risks and ensure the safety of our residents, particularly vulnerable pedestrians.

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The installation of a puffin crossing aligns with our village's commitment to promoting safe and accessible environments for all. It will not only facilitate a secure pedestrian crossing but also positively impact the overall traffic flow and road safety measures within Sturton by Stow.

We kindly request your attention and support in expediting the process for the installation of a puffin crossing at the identified location. The Sturton by Stow Parish Council is willing to offer any necessary assistance and collaborate closely to ensure the successful implementation of this vital safety measure.

A special Parish Council meeting called to specifically debate this project did produce some associated ideas for your consideration which were felt to potentially improve the effectiveness of the project as a whole:

- A) Reduce the length of the zig zag lines on the North side where possible, so as to minimise the effect upon the Premier Stores
- B) Reinstate the end-on parking spaces outside the Tillbridge Tastery, so as to maximise the nearby legal parking
- C) Impose a limited loading time period, so as to legitimise the delivery stops made outside the Premier Stores.

Thank you for considering this crucial matter. We eagerly anticipate a positive response and the opportunity to work together towards enhancing overall safety in our village.

Sincerely,
Martin Cook

Chair, Sturton by Stow Parish Council