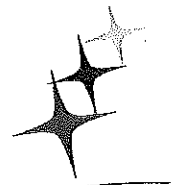


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Hednesford Town Council  
Pye Green Community Centre  
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Dear Mr Harrison,

**Re: School crossing concerns**

I would like to bring to the attention of the Town Council an incident on the morning of Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September, where one of the Local Authority School Crossing Patrol personnel was knocked down by a vehicle on Belt Road. Fortunately there was no serious injury. However the academy senior leadership team have very serious concerns regarding the safety of students attending Staffordshire University Academy at the start and end of the school day.

It is anticipated that as student numbers on roll increases over the next few years that this problem is only set to get worse.

Whilst we appreciate that there are some traffic calming measures on Belt Road in the form of cushions. Many vehicles move to the centre of the highway to straddle these and they appear to have no impact on reducing speed. There is no road signage at all to warn drivers that there is a school just off Belt Road in Marston Road. We understand from Helen Barnes (School Crossing Patrol Area Organiser) that '20 is Plenty' signage requires a nomination from the Town Council. Please could the Town Council support us by writing to the Highways Department in support of this signage.

I understand that Councillor George Adamson has passed our concerns onto Mark Keeling at Staffordshire Highways on our behalf to investigate the possibility of other traffic calming measures.

Whilst writing, may I take this opportunity to invite the Town Councillor's to the SUA Open Evening on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 which starts at 6pm. You would all be more than welcome to come and hear about what the academy now has to offer and take a look at our excellent facilities.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

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