

From: Phillips, Mike Mike.Phillips@wiltshire.gov.uk

Subject: Fw: Crossroads Farm Junction Signage

Date: 2 July 2026 at 11:10

To: Smith, Martin Martin.Smith@wiltshire.gov.uk, Rogers, Gareth Gareth.Rogers@wiltshire.gov.uk

Cc: [REDACTED] Alice Moore Alice.Moore@wiltshire.police.uk, [REDACTED] MURRISON, Andrew
andrew.murrison.mp@parliament.uk, Banks, Mark Mark.Banks@wiltshire.gov.uk, Davey, Kate Kate.Davey@wiltshire.gov.uk

MP

Dear Martin & Gareth,

I need to escalate the decision process for this one.

The Police, Parish Council and residents are keen to avoid a serious or fatal accident at the crossroads.

Mr Hills, who resides at Crossroads Farm adjacent to the junction has now written to Dr. Andrew Murisson MP to enlist his help. I am very keen to prevent a situation where someone is seriously injured or killed at the crossroads and especially since there is a known and documented risk. I do not wish to be in the position of having to defend the delay implementing a solution or explaining to the press and families of victims why nothing was done to prevent an accident.

I respectfully request that we work together to implement further safety measures at the junction within weeks. Under these circumstances we should not be hiding behind traffic signs regulations. The problem will not fix itself, between us we have the power to act now to prevent a disaster. The solution is unlikely to be expensive.

Please consider my comments and get back to me quickly. I am happy to arrange a meeting to discuss solutions if required.

Regards Mike.

Mike Phillips
Wiltshire Councillor for Ethandune
Mike.Phillips@wiltshire.gov.uk
Telephone: 07908 143389

Wiltshire Council

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, 03 June 2026 12:31:45

To: Davey, Kate <Kate.Davey@wiltshire.gov.uk>

Cc: Rogers, Gareth <Gareth.Rogers@wiltshire.gov.uk>; Phillips, Mike
<Mike.Phillips@wiltshire.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]; Smith, Martin <Martin.Smith@wiltshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Crossroads Farm Junction Signage

Dear Kate,

Please see the attached note regarding our ongoing concerns about addressing the deteriorating safety at Crossroads Farm Junction. The note is addressed through you as requested by Gareth Rogers in his previous email correspondence, and is structured around five sections:

1. **Background and Previous Correspondence** — recaps the history of concerns, the documented collision pattern, and Wiltshire Council's own acknowledgement that the junction remains a persistent safety concern.
2. **Response to Wiltshire Council's Proposed Solution** — states clearly that the Parish Council approached the landowners as suggested, and that they declined to remove their hedgerows, making that option unavailable.
3. **A Further Road Traffic Collision: 3 April 2026** — sets out the Wiltshire Police incident details (ref. 54260039724), noting the vehicle was overturned and a passenger sustained a broken leg, and places it in the context of the worsening trend.
4. **The Case for STOP Signs** — makes four arguments: (a) TSM Ch.3 para 2.2.2 allows the accident record to be a deciding factor; (b) the technical objection based on removable hedges no longer holds now that removal has been refused; (c) STOP signs directly address the proven cause of every collision; (d) the hedgerow alternative is far more costly, complex and uncertain.
5. **Request** — formally asks Wiltshire Council to reconsider and approve STOP signs as a matter of urgency.

The arguments build quite logically given the circumstances — the landowners' refusal is actually a significant development that materially changes the technical picture, and the April accident coming so soon after Wiltshire Council's March response does strengthen the urgency considerably. I hope Wiltshire Council gives the request serious reconsideration.

As I highlight in the note, out of courtesy, I have copied it to Gareth Rogers and Mike Phillips and, at Mike Phillips' suggestion, to Mr Martin Smith who may wish to be aware of the request as Wiltshire Council Cabinet Member for Highways, Steetscene and Flooding.

Kind regards,

Steve Forward

Edington Parish Council Vice-Chair

Wiltshire Council Disclaimer: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/disclaimer>

20260603
Edington_Parish_Council_to_Wi...
187 KB

