

**Andrea Durn**

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**Sent:** 09 May 2018 08:18  
**To:** Andrea Durn; Joyce Holman  
**Cc:** chriswatts1967@live.co.uk; Patrick Herring  
**Subject:** Fwd: School Crossing Patrol

Joyce, please can the Parish Finance Committee discuss this issue, I would like to see that the Parish Council can fund the costs of the crossing person and employ a replacement.

Best regards Paul

Sent from my iPhone  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Mrs MA Clarke <head@kingwilliamstreet.co.uk>  
**Date:** 8 May 2018 at 20:27:12 BST  
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**Subject:** School Crossing Patrol

Dear Councillors,

I am emailing you to raise my concern about Swindon Borough Council's decision not to replace the School Crossing Patrol Officer for Eastcott Road. John Walters has been in post for 15 years but has resigned from his post from Friday 25th May due to securing full time employment. Philip Martlew, Highways and Transport, Swindon Borough Council has informed me that 'There are no plans to recruit a replacement Patroller for this site. The Council has previously stated that it has decided to reduce the costs of the school crossing patrol service as part of a large number of proposals which aim to tackle the huge financial challenges facing the Council.' Surely this cannot be! Children and their parents from King William Street C E Primary School and Lethbridge Primary School as well as students from The Commonweal School use John Walters EVERY DAY to cross Eastcott Road SAFELY in order to get to school.

As councillors for Old Town and Eastcott you know first- hand the dangers children face crossing Eastcott Road each day. These hazards include

- \*The roundabout at the junction with Eastcott Road and Bath Road so when children are crossing they are not aware of cars approaching from Bath Road into Eastcott Road.
- \*The 90-degree bend which doesn't allow children or adults to see oncoming traffic before they cross.
- \*Cars coming out of King William Street straight into Eastcott Road.
- \*The back road behind the houses of Bath Road and Lansdown Road-there are cars entering and exiting this at all times.
- \*Cars enter and exit from the Moose hall car park.
- \*Residents cars parked in residence parking spaces from the exit of King William Street to the top of Eastcott Road. Children can't cross between parked cars.
- \*The 30 mile/hour speed limit.
- \*No signage informing road users that there are children crossing the road on their way to school.

I know we are all facing the challenge of reducing costs but it appears to me that this decision has been made on a purely financial basis rather than with the safety of the children in mind. Without a

school crossing patrol officer in position, it will only be a matter of time before an accident happens and a child gets hurt. Please could you confirm if the council carried out a full risk assessment on the safety of children crossing Eastcott Road and how this was used to inform their decision not to replace the School Crossing Patrol Officer.

I am aware that at other primary schools within SBC, where School Crossing Patrol Officers have not been replaced, features such as Pelican crossings (Robert le Kyng) and flashing lights and reduced speed limits (Liden Primary School) have been installed-I have not been informed of any such safety features for Eastcott Road. I would value some feedback from you as to whether this has a) been discussed and b) if there are plans to install such features asap.

Yours faithfully,

Margaret Clarke

Headteacher King William Street CE Primary School

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