

## Request for consideration of an issue by Overview and Scrutiny

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### Guidance on the use of this form:

This form is for use by councillors and members of the public who want to request that an item joins an Overview and Scrutiny agenda. Any issue may be suggested, provided it affects the BCP area or the inhabitants of the area in some way. Scrutiny of the issue can only be requested once in a 12 month period.

The form may also be used for the reporting of a referral item to Overview and Scrutiny by another body of the council, such as Cabinet or Council.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee receiving the request will make an assessment of the issue using the detail provided in this form and determine whether to add it to its forward plan of work.

They may take a variety of steps to progress the issue, including requesting more information on it from officers of the council, asking for a member of the overview and scrutiny committee to 'champion' the issue and report back, or establishing a small working group of councillors to look at the issue in more detail.

If the Committee does not agree to progress the issue it will set out reasons for this and they will be provided to the person submitting this form.

More information can be found at Part 4.C of the BCP Council Constitution  
<https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=151&Info=1&bcr=1>

Please complete all sections as fully as possible

### 1. Issue requested for scrutiny

Request from Cllrs Felicity Rice and Adrian Chapmanlaw.

Please can the council review the timing settings for pedestrian crossings in the BCP area. Please see this link for a similar project conducted in Bristol

[Around 100 pedestrian crossings in Bristol will see green man instantly as plan approved | Bristol Live](#)

## **2. Desired outcome resulting from Overview and Scrutiny engagement, including the value to be added to the Council, the BCP area or its inhabitants.**

To improve the interaction between residents walking and those driving vehicles at pedestrian crossings that have lights. This project will look at simple crossings and enable people walking to be able to cross quickly after arriving at a crossing. This will benefit people walking, particularly if they have young children with them, or if the weather is bad, because they will not have to wait unnecessarily. It will also benefit drivers in that they will not need to be driving past young children that may be at risk of stepping into the road, and they will learn that if a person is arriving at a pedestrian crossing with lights, that they should slow down and stop because the lights will be changing. They will also not need to drive past someone waiting in the rain and instead be able to stop and allow the person to cross the road.

In areas with high flows of walkers, there will be a setting so that there is a minimum amount of time between red lights to allow traffic to flow.

This is all good for society to show we care for each other.

## **3. Background to the issue**

In the past there has been a culture within the highways/roads teams to automatically make people walking wait when approaching a pedestrian crossing. It is now time to change this culture for the benefit of everyone.

## **4. Proposed method of scrutiny - (for example, a committee report or a working group investigation)**

A couple of informal meetings between the relevant officers and one or two councillors with a verbal update report provided to O and S by one of the councillors.

## **5. Key dates and anticipated timescale for the scrutiny work**

It could be added to the next Environment & Place overview and scrutiny meeting.

## **6. Notes/ additional guidance**