

County Councillors Report July 2026.

Pedestrian Crossing Groby Road, Bancroft Way, Ratby.

I have been supporting a pedestrian crossing at this location for several years now. This is a major route that children take attending, Brookvale School and Groby Community College the footfall has dramatically changed over the years. The original zebra crossing was installed on Groby Road near to Dane Hill many years ago before the new estate behind Bancroft Way was built. I have had the support from the Parish Council and local residents. I took the request again to highways who have carried out a traffic and pedestrian survey.

Ratby Road, Groby – Outside Brookvale School.

I have also again requested a pedestrian crossing outside Brookvale School/Groby Community College. I have been made aware of near misses outside the school. I have visited and I have experienced the problems first-hand and the dangers posed to children caused by inconsiderate parking. Unfortunately, this is not helped as the inconsiderate parking is by the parents dropping and picking up their children from the school. Again, I have had the support from both Ratby and Groby Parish Council and parents of the children attending the school. I have also requested the extension of double yellow lines to give extra protection for the children and visibility whilst crossing the road. Children's Safety has always been my main priority as a retired policeman.

I have had the following reply from highways after they carried out survey's at both locations.

As part of our investigations, we have reviewed the requests raised by parents along with representations from Groby and Ratby Parish Councils, regarding the consideration of pedestrian crossings on Groby Road/Bancroft Way, Groby and Ratby Road, Groby.

Leicestershire County Council will assess the justification for a pedestrian crossing using an assessment involving both pedestrian and vehicle flows. This is a requirement outlined in Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 6 – Traffic Control. In accordance with this national practice, most Local Authorities use an enhanced criteria that takes into consideration the types of pedestrians, the different types of vehicles and the vulnerability of pedestrians with community links and local amenities. This assessment results in a score, which in Leicestershire is called the Crossing Justification Value (CJV) and this will

determine the justification for a crossing or not. The possible resultant CJV outcomes are as follows:

- A. A crossing of any type would not be justified if the CJV is less than 0.4;
- B. A CJV between 0.4-0.6 would justify the provision of a dropped kerb pedestrian crossing point;
- C. A CJV between 0.6-0.9 would justify the provision of zebra crossing; and
- D. A CJV of 0.9 and above would justify the provision of a controlled puffin crossing.

Assessments have been undertaken at the two locations noted below, to ensure that all pedestrian and vehicular activity within a reasonable vicinity of Groby Road/Bancroft Way and Brookvale School has been fully considered.

Groby Road/Bancroft Way

Following assessment, the location (from the bridge over the M1 to property number 29 including Bancroft Way) achieved a CJV score of **0.41**, which falls within the threshold where only lower-level, uncontrolled crossing measures are justified. This indicates that the level of pedestrian and vehicular activity does not support the introduction of a zebra or signal-controlled crossing at this location.

It is important to note that there are already provisions in place to support pedestrian movement in this area. Specifically, there is an existing dropped kerb pedestrian crossing with tactile paving outside No. 41 Groby Road, as well as additional dropped kerbs facilitating crossings on Bancroft Way. These features provide accessible crossing points for pedestrians, including those with mobility or visual impairments. In addition, there is an established zebra crossing located further into the village, which provides a formal and controlled crossing facility within a reasonable distance that pedestrians can utilise as an alternative.

Ratby Road, Groby – Outside Brookvale School

The assessment undertaken outside Brookvale School on Ratby Road (From the mini roundabout south of the school up to Woodbank Road junction) resulted in a CJV score of **0.38**, which falls below the threshold required to justify the provision of any additional crossing facilities.

The data collected indicates that pedestrian crossing demand at this location is largely limited to relatively short periods during the school day, typically at the start and end of the school day. As such, the level of demand does not

demonstrate a consistent, all-day requirement that would meet the criteria for a formal crossing facility.

While it is acknowledged that the introduction of a zebra or controlled crossing may be perceived as improving safety, it is important to ensure that any such facility reflects a genuine and sustained need. Underutilised crossings can present their own safety risks, as drivers may become accustomed to low usage levels and may be less likely to anticipate pedestrians, which can reduce overall effectiveness and safety.

There are, however, existing measures in place in the vicinity of the school to support pedestrian safety. These include designated crossing points with dropped kerbs and tactile paving, which offer safe and accessible locations for pedestrians to cross. Additionally, the presence of school keep clear markings helps to maintain visibility and reduce obstructions, thereby improving sightlines for both pedestrians and drivers, particularly during peak school times.

Double Yellow Lines – Outside Brookvale School

As per the attached email, we have requested that supporting evidence is provided by both yourself and the Parish Council regarding the parking issues at this location, to allow us to assess the need for any potential parking restrictions. As soon as evidence is provided, we'll be more than happy to review the suitability or proposing a scheme and subsequent extents. We cannot propose a scheme without having a baseline of evidence to justify the rationale,

I trust this provides clarity on the assessments undertaken and the rationale behind the conclusions reached. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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I will continue to work with both the Parish Councils and residents to campaign for a safe pedestrian crossing on Groby Road, Ratby and a better crossing outside the school. I will be gathering evidence of the inappropriate parking. I also requested the School Keep Clear signs outside the entrance were repainted earlier this year.

Advance Notice of a Temporary Traffic Regulation Glebe Road, Groby.

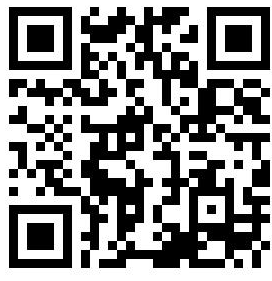
Leicestershire County Council Highways has agreed to a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order at the above location.

The Temporary Traffic Regulation Order will be implemented for public safety for **BT Openreach and their contractors** to undertake installation of new apparatus.

A road closure/parking restriction is required on **Glebe Road, Groby** between the junction of Crane Ley Road and no.28 on the 14th July 2026 for 3 days.

The proposed alternative diversion route will be via: Crane Ley Road, Ratby Road, Leicester Road, Pymm Ley Lane and vice versa.

During the closure/restrictions, alternative routes available to all traffic can be viewed via the weblink or scan the QR code below.



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Councils across Leicestershire unite to tackle illegal fly-tipping

Fly-tipping is more than an eyesore it harms the environment, risks public health and drains funding from vital local services.

Councils across Leicestershire are joining forces through the Leicestershire Waste Partnership to support a two-week No Rubbish Excuses campaign, raising awareness of the issue and showing how easily it can be prevented.

Partners include Blaby, Charnwood, Harborough, Hinckley & Bosworth, Leicester City, Melton, North West Leicestershire, and Oadby & Wigston councils.

While most residents dispose of waste responsibly, illegal dumping by a minority- including rogue waste carriers continues to impact communities. Clearing fly-tipping costs councils millions nationally each year and can lead to neglected areas that attract further waste and reduce community pride.

Residents are urged to check waste carriers are licensed before handing over rubbish failure to do so could result in enforcement action.

There are simple, legal alternatives available, including bulky waste collections, garden waste schemes, big bin schemes, and reuse options such as charities or online platforms.

All fly-tipping incidents are treated seriously and are fully investigated by the council's enforcement teams. Where sufficient evidence is found, offenders can expect to face fines. With this campaign, councils across Leicestershire are reinforcing their commitment to stronger enforcement and tougher penalties for those responsible, sending a clear message that fly-tipping will not be tolerated in our communities.

Residents have a responsibility to make sure their waste is disposed of properly and legally, and they need to make the right choice when it comes to getting rid of it. There are plenty of options available, from checking waste carriers licensed to using council collection services and reuse schemes. Fly-tipping is never the answer it damages our environment and our communities. By making responsible choices, we can all help keep our neighborhood's clean, safe and welcoming.

For more information or to report fly-tipping, visit Hinckley and Bosworth's website to help ensure quick removal and investigation.

Summer Holidays.

We are now approaching the schools breaking up for the summer holiday and families going away for their annual holiday. I would just like to wish all

residents a happy holiday and a relaxing summer. Let's hope the weather is also good to you.

Finally, I want to thank you all for your continued support and remind you that should you need my help or advice, I always pride myself on making myself available to residents. Remember I am only a phone call or email away.

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