

Attention Cllr Pam Gilligan

2nd November 2012

Hi Pam

One of our residents has been trying to get a pedestrian access restored through the crash barrier on the East Lancs Rd since the 17th October 2011.

I enclose a map showing all footpaths that cross the East Lancs between Lane Head and Atherleigh Way.

When the crash barrier was first installed all footpath crossings had access gaps to give continuity to the path across the road.

You will note on the map that these still exist apart from one; this was not replaced after work to strengthen the bridge was completed. Liz Perry, footpaths officer, says a mistake was made either in the specification for the job or by the contractor, and that it will cost £15,000 to correct it. She also says it is now with the legal department.

In the attached E-Mails we have one officer saying he would not want people to cross the road here as it is dangerous.

We have been crossing the road here for over 60 years, it's easy because of the central reservation.

We want this access point restoring as it is depriving walkers of a route taken for many years, a route that was there before the East Lanc Rd was built.

If this is not corrected it would set a precedence. The council could block all access points across the East Lancs Rd between Haydock Island and Boothstown.

Will you please pursue this and stick with it until the access is restored.

Ed Thwaite

Chairman