

**Herts Highways – Roger Flowerday
Response to SRAC Minute 33 (9) - 30th September 2010 Meeting**

*That the Community Development Officer request that Hertfordshire Highways provide sight of the legislation which would prevent warning signs being placed in advance of the pedestrian crossing at Whitehorse Lane, Great Ashby".
from Roger Flowerday – Herts Highways.*

Any sign placed on the highway must conform to The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 (TSRGD). Specifically pedestrian crossings are covered by the Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 4 - Item 9. Within this item it details the signs that can be permitted at pedestrian crossings. Unfortunately, as I explained previously none of these signs can be placed on Whitehorse Lane as they do not meet the criteria for installation. This is primarily because there is no permitted sign in the TRSGD that enables one to provide advanced warning of an uncontrolled crossing.

For example one might consider using either of the two signs below, however diagram 544 can only be used at a Zebra crossing and 544.1 which denotes 'pedestrians in road ahead' can only be used where pedestrians frequently use a road without a proper footways, clearly this is not the case on Whitehorse Lane.



544
Zebra crossing ahead

Item	
1	Regulations: None
2	Directions: 21(1)
3	Diagrams: 547.8, 572, 573
4	Permitted variants: None
5	Illumination requirements: Schedule 17, item 1



544.1
Pedestrians in road ahead

Item	
1	Regulations: None
2	Directions: 21(1)
3	Diagrams: 547.3, 572, 573
4	Permitted variants: None
5	Illumination requirements: Schedule 17, item 1

Some might also suggest that sign 547.8 (detailed below) be utilised, however this is merely a sub plate which must be used in conjunction with sign 544 above.



547.8
Zebra crossing or signal-controlled crossing
on road hump ahead

Item	
1	Regulations: None
2	Directions: 21(1)
3	Diagrams: 543, 544
4	Permitted variants: Schedule 16, items 3, 6, 11
5	Illumination requirements: Schedule 17, item 8