



## Headington Liberal Democrats: Press Release

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### **PUBLIC PRESSURE GETS GREEN LIGHT FOR HEADINGTON CROSSING**

**Local campaigners and Lib Dem councillors are today celebrating a first taste of success in their campaign for crossings on Headley Way.**

A petition, organised by local resident Sybil Sheringham Dibdin - and signed by more than 800 people in Headington and Marston - was today presented to the County Council by David Rundle, one of the Lib Dem City Councillors for Headington. In response, the County Council has moved forward the implementation of at least one crossing on Headley Way.

**Lib Dem Cllr Stephen Tall**, who also represents Headington on the City Council, commented: "This is great news for residents in Headington, who have long called for crossings on Headley Way. All praise to Sybil for the hard work she has put in, and thanks to everyone in the local community who has supported our campaign so far. It is good to learn that a Council can respond to public pressure.

"However, this is only the start - Headington's chronic traffic problems will not be solved by one new pedestrian crossing. There's a long way to go yet."

**Cllr David Rundle** added: "It is no secret that we in Headington Lib Dems have been critical of the lack of real traffic improvements for this area. Too often a so-called strategy has stood in the way of actually doing the work on the ground.

"But, though I've been a councillor for less than a year, I've already learnt how rare it is for a Council actually to listen to local opinion. So, credit where credit's due: the County has begun to listen to the people of Headington. I look forward to the day when Headley Way has not just one crossing but several. The safety of children and pensioners is at stake."

The County Council's new plan, agreed at today's HAMATS (Headington & Marston Area Transport Strategy) Steering Group, sees a crossing on Headley Way near Woodlands Road being built this year. There is also a possibility of a crossing near St Joseph's School, but this will be decided at a meeting later in the month.

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