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OUTCOME OF THE DEBATE ON THE PETITION TO IMPROVE THE CROSSING OUTSIDE ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH, DUNHAM ROAD

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TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Council – 20 March 2019

Consideration of a Petition containing more than 500 signatures

**Petition to Improve the Crossing Outside St. Margaret's Church,
Dunham Road, Altrincham**

Petition organiser, Eleanor Horner a Year 8 pupil at Altrincham Grammar School for Girls introduced the following petition containing 619 signatures, which had been presented to the Council:

“The Council is requested to improve the crossing outside St. Margaret's Church on Dunham Road in Altrincham. The A56 is always busy before and after school with a constant flow of traffic and cars rarely stop for pedestrians. There are many pupils at Altrincham Grammar School for Girls and other schools who have to cross and there is nothing to make cars stop to allow people to cross. A safe crossing point would encourage more pupils to walk to school and also benefit people going to and from the church.”

Councillors Adshead, Sean Anstee, Brophy and Jerrome responded on behalf of the political parties and the Leader of the Council, Councillor Andrew Western summarised what action the Council planned to take. He thanked Eleanor for undertaking the petition and collecting so many signatures, a number he had not envisaged when she had approached him at the outset and for bringing the issue to Council.

The Leader confirmed that the Council would investigate what could be done to make the crossing point safer and instruct Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) to conduct a traffic survey avoiding the Easter period. Councillor Andrew Western also outlined the costs involved should a crossing at the location be suitable and if it was, the Council would then contact TfGM to undertake the signal design and obtain an understanding of timescales.

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