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**From Manchester Evening News,
5 August 2021**

**Plans drawn–up to improve
‘dangerous’ crossing after
one schoolgirl made a stand**



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Eleanor Horner was just 13 years old when she stood up in front of a full Trafford Council meeting and asked for her journey to school to be made safer. The existing island crossing close to her school can leave pupils waiting in the middle of the road for cars to stop and allow them to cross.

The ‘dangerous’ junction has led to Eleanor and other pupils taking a much longer route to school to avoid the crossing entirely.

Eleanor’s dad, Andrew Horner, said: ‘In the pandemic the crossing became worse. I think if I had a child starting in Year 7 now, I’d be very worried about them using that crossing.’

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First, Eleanor wrote to Trafford Council asking for them to make the crossing safer. She then began a petition and gained 600 signatures, alerting the media to her campaign. Eleanor made a speech at a full council meeting where she gained the backing of all council party leaders.

Transport for Greater Manchester launched a consultation for plans for a new controlled pedestrian and cycling crossing to allow pupils to cross safely. Councillor Stephen Adshead said: 'I am delighted Transport for Greater Manchester and Trafford Council have supported Eleanor in her campaign. Councillors were very moved and impressed by the speech she gave.'

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Transport Commissioner for Greater Manchester, Chris Boardman, said: ‘A new or upgraded crossing might seem a small change to a street but it can have a huge impact on local people’.

‘If we make our roads more pleasant and easier to navigate on foot, by bike, scooting or wheeling, we’ll enable thousands more everyday trips to happen without cars. That’s good for our mental and physical health, great for kids, helps to clean up the air and saves money.’

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