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Dear Councillor Carter

I write regarding the question that you submitted for full council on 25th July, which I unfortunately couldn't attend. I have provided a written response below.

'The Council has already accepted that Bawtry Road is so dangerous that it needs a puffin crossing. How can they justify axing the lollipop lady this summer when the Cabinet Member has said there won't be a puffin crossing until summer 2019?'

The School Crossing Patrols service is not a statutory provision and therefore the on-going funding is in line with the decision made by Cabinet on 14th November 2016 which stated that:-

'...the Council will fund school crossing patrols at crossing points only where national and local road safety criteria are met.'

'...that a full independent survey review of school crossing patrol points take place every four years. There will be a requirement for the survey to take place in 2017/18.'

The cabinet decision for surveys to take place every four years, was to ascertain any changes to the required service. The implementation of any changes identified was scheduled for September 2018 to co-inside with the new academic year.

Unfortunately the Bawtry Road School Crossing Patrol point did not meet the national/local road safety criteria as defined by RoadSafety GB.

The school was notified and given an option to engage in a charged service level agreement to allow the patrol to continue but they declined.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon Watson', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Councillor Gordon Watson
Deputy Leader of Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council