

To Malmesbury Town Council

“Missing” footpath at Old Alexander Road Malmesbury.



**Five properties, Nos 7-10 on the north side of  
Old Alexander Road.**

At present a footpath extends both sides of the road from Parklands/Newnton Grove but stops part way along the north side of Old Alexander Road. There is no footpath in front of properties No's 7 – 10 , not only is there no footpath but for a distance of approx 40 M it is curbed to be clearly part of the roadway. A footpath appears again at Day's Court/ Park Road.

This missing footpath is a danger to all pedestrians, especially to mothers with young children going to the Junior School.

Restoring the footpath would not make the roadway any narrower than the existing road from the Parklands/Newnton Road end or the Park Road end.

Where the road without a footpath is at the moment, there are no restrictions to prevent vehicles parking on the 'missing' and compounding the problem.

The revised *Highway Code* Rules for Pedestrians states; 'where no pavement' 'to face oncoming traffic' and in Rules for Motorists; 'where pedestrians are in the road give at least 2M clearance'. This of course is would be hard to comply with but still could present a complex legal problem in the event of an accident.

I see no reason to think putting in a footpath would cause any extra difficulties to traffic, where vehicles are parked along one side of the roads on Park Road and Parklands/Newnton Grove drivers observe normal courtesy's and give way to oncoming traffic. This also applies to heavy Lorries and to large farm traffic and of course this is the same amount of traffic passing this point.

I feel I should summarise by repeating that a footpath would not reduce the width of the road less than that of the existing road where there is a footpath, a new footpath would not affect the five adjacent properties other than providing them with dropped curbs, the footpath will be created from the highway.

Restoring the footpath would be a simple, sensible, safe solution I do hope you would consider taking what action you can with the Highways authorities to correct this.

I remain yours faithfully