

Date of meeting 20 October 2022

### LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

#### Safe Pass

*That the relevant changes are made to the recommendations as shown below in strikethrough and **bold italics**:*

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- a. updated introduction section of The Highway Code which includes 3 new rules about the new 'hierarchy of road users', a concept that places those road users most at risk in the event of a collision at the top of the hierarchy - this hierarchy does not remove the need for everyone to behave responsibly, but states that road users most likely to be injured in the event of a collision are pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders and motorcyclists, with children, older adults and disabled people being more at risk*
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  - if pedestrians have started crossing and traffic wants to turn into the road, the pedestrians crossing have priority and the traffic should give way*
  - people driving, riding a motorcycle or cycling must give way to pedestrians on a zebra crossing and people walking and cycling on a parallel crossing*
- d. updated highway code rules 62 and 63 which state that cyclists are asked to:*
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  - slow down when necessary and let people walking know they are there (for example, by ringing their bell)*

- ***remember that people walking may be deaf, blind or partially sighted***
  - ***not pass a horse on the horse's left***
- e. failure of communications from the Department for Transport in outlining changes to the highway code which protects all road users. [1]
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Proposed by: **Cllr Wilkinson**

Seconded by: **Cllr Appich**

**Motion to read if carried:**

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