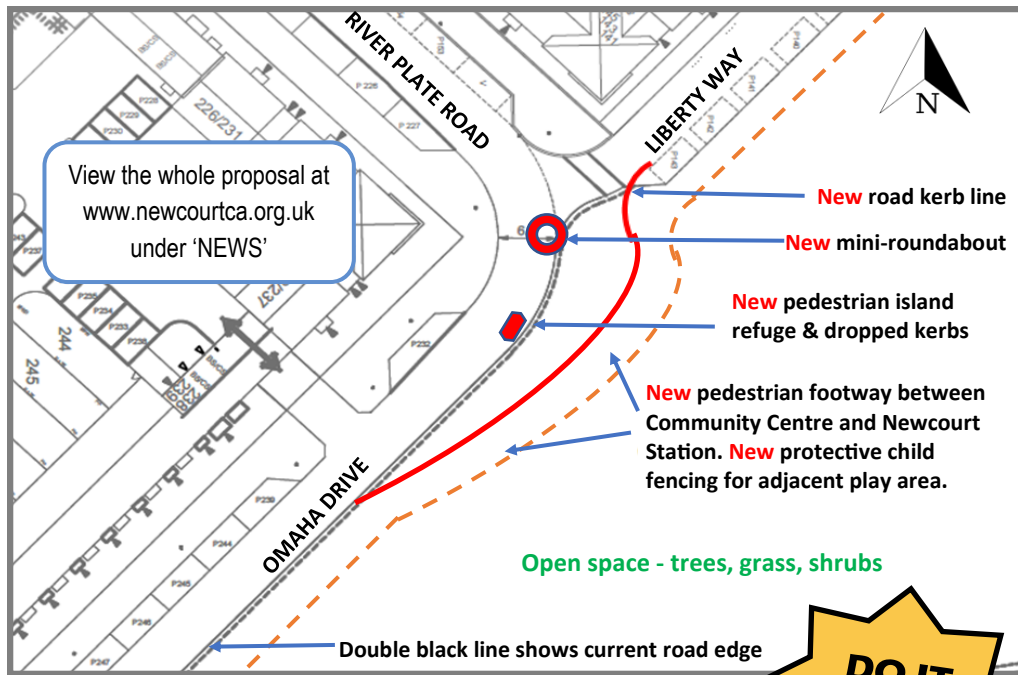


# A DIAGRAM OF THE PROPOSAL:



**DO IT NOW!**

This proposal has been drawn up by a Newcourt resident, who is himself a Highways Engineer. Devon County Council are responsible for roads, and have seen this proposal, as have our Councillors. They need convincing that the Community believes this is a serious enough issue to warrant priority action to make it safe for residents, children and pedestrians.

Please add your name to the petition **BY 31st OCTOBER**. Go to: [www.change.org/p/devon-county-council-vote-for-community-safety](http://www.change.org/p/devon-county-council-vote-for-community-safety) and encourage others in your household to do so. **It will take 3 minutes!**

**No internet?** Phone 01392 248615 (NCA message-only service) and leave a message with your name and phone number, mentioning 'petition'. A resident will phone you back and deliver the petition for you to sign.

BOOK the DATE: Newcourt Residents' meeting • Thursday 22 November 7.30pm • Newcourt Community Centre

# VOTE FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY!



The junction of Omaha Drive and River Plate Road is not working! Unfortunately, it has not been designed or constructed to national safety based guidelines.



We would like to encourage every resident to respond to the petition to see this changed. **Read on!**

Turn over to find out...

For this reason, the Newcourt Community Association has submitted proposals to Devon County Council to improve the safety of this junction. *(you may have read about this in the June edition of Newcourt News)*



The corner is unsafe. There is no widening at the bend.

*Curve carriageway widening is recommended by the Highways Agency, the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (CIHT) and in Stagecoach's recent publication 'Bus Services and New Residential Developments'. This prevents vehicles crossing the midline when turning the corner.*



Buses & heavy vehicles meet head on.

*Bus drivers and heavy-vehicle drivers need to use the 'wrong' side of the road in order to negotiate the corner. When both buses meet, one or both are forced to reverse.*

The road is substandard - not even as wide as shown on the plans.

*The carriageway is only 5.5 metres; the plans show it should be 6 metres.*

## WHAT'S THE PROBLEM ...?!

The children's play area slopes down to the road and has no effective safety fence.

*There is no adequate fence separating the play park from the road. As the ground slopes towards Omaha Drive, there is a real danger of a child running into the road after a runaway football.*



Motorists approaching the junction have poor visibility because of fixed parking bays and buildings close to the road.

*These cars are having to reverse so that the buses can both get round the corner.*

There is no safe crossing for pedestrians; and a lack of pavements around this critical junction.

*There are no pedestrian paths between Newcourt station, Newcourt Community Centre and the housing areas. There is no safe way to cross from the station to Omaha Drive. There is no pavement from the play park to the Community Centre. This is particularly challenging for disabled pedestrians and dangerous for children, toddlers and pushchairs.*

If, and when a shop opens in Blakeslee Drive, local traffic will increase in and around Omaha Drive.

The Council is proposing parking restrictions around the junction, which will slightly alleviate the safety problems. However, **all the safety issues mentioned here need to be addressed as a matter of urgency.**

## WHAT IS NEEDED?

to widen the corner; put in a mini-roundabout and a pedestrian island with relevant dropped kerbs; provide a pavement along the south east side of Liberty Way and Omaha Drive with fencing along the north-west edge of the play area. There is a diagram overleaf. The full proposal is available to read on [www.newcourtca.org.uk](http://www.newcourtca.org.uk)