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One serious accident occurred on 13th September 2004 approximately 30 metres southwest of Hillcross Avenue / Monkleigh Road junction involving a driver losing control and hitting a number of stationary vehicles.

The other accident occurred on 11th December 2004 approximately 54 metres northeast of Hillcross Avenue junction with Monkleigh Road when two passengers on a bus were slightly injured.

The Council is aware of a more recent accident; however we have not yet been provided with the confirmed information.

Compared to the higher number of personal injury accidents on other roads in the Borough, it is difficult justifying any traffic calming measures along Hillcross Avenue at present. However, the Council will continue to monitor the area and take the appropriate action if and when necessary.

The objective of the proposed measures is to provide a safe crossing facility for pedestrians particularly school children. This is not a local safety measure but forms part of the Safer Route to School project which is subject to different funding and criteria.