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OurSay

THE *Birmingham Mail* today applauds Hall Green MP Steve McCabe and Coun Mike Leddy (Brandwood) for swapping their offices in favour of becoming lollipop men for the day.

It is refreshing to see politicians who are willing to roll up their sleeves and get their hands dirty to see what life is really like for the people they serve.

Their first-hand experience should fully equip them to highlight the dangers faced by pupils and parents attempting to cross the busy road to access Bells Farm School.

Let's hope when they meet with Birmingham City Council's Cabinet Member for Transport Len Gregory next week they can now work together to quickly meet the parents and teachers' calls for a crossing warden to serve the road. This case also once again highlights the *Birmingham Mail's* Keep Our Kids Safe Campaign, launched last year to highlight the appalling shortage of lollipop people, leaving 50 crossings unmanned across the city. Surely it must be a council priority to safeguard the lives of our children and their parents who are left dicing with death crossing roads that should be staffed with lollipop workers.

Two lives have already been lost near Bells Farm School – the council must now take action to make sure no more are put at risk.