

Victory for students in safety drive

CAMPAIGNING students have won a battle to have road crossings installed near the Warwick University site.

After petitioning the council, the university, which has offered to pay the £185,000 cost, has been given the go-ahead.

The Students' Union at the Coventry-based university gathered the petition on behalf of 670 students and staff.

They want to have three pedestrian crossings installed, two on Gibbet Hill Road and one on Kirby Corner Road.

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Following traffic counts the authority has now given approval for two of the crossings, one near Radcliffe House on Gibbet Hill Road and the other on Kirby Corner Road.

The third crossing, near the east site on Gibbet Hill Road, is still under consideration.

Students' Union officer Adam Boddison said: "The main problem is when people come in from Leamington in the morning and go out of Coventry in the evening.

"There have been a lot of near misses with people

trying to cross the road and cars certainly going over the speed limit.

"It is the kind of project students feel very strongly about but it was not likely the council would have been able to go ahead in the kind of timescale we wanted, so it is brilliant the university has offered to pay."

It is hoped the work will be done in September or October.

There have been three accidents, including one fatal, in the past three years within 100 metres of the proposed site near Radcliffe House.