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## Potential Highways Improvements in Beacon Hill and Hindhead

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Dear David,

Thank you for your time on the phone last week.

As I indicated, the newly elected town and borough councillors for Hindhead and Beacon Hill had scheduled an introductory meeting late last week to discuss potential areas of collaboration over the next four years. In view of your advice during our conversation and the imminence of the Western Villages Meeting, we decided to prioritise highways issues in our discussions. These are summarised in the attached document that was agreed by all councillors on a cross-party basis and which I have been asked to forward to you for consideration. We would welcome the opportunity for further discussion when you have had the opportunity to consider our thoughts.

I have also copied this note to Pipa at Haslemere Town Council for information.

Kind regards,

Conrad



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Dear David,

## **Potential Highways Improvements in Hindhead and Beacon Hill**

Thank you for phoning me the other day to explain how Haslemere Town Council could help support the Clovelly Road traffic calming petition. It was helpful to get a better understanding of the process.

As I mentioned on the phone, the newly elected town and borough councillors for Hindhead and Beacon Hill had already agreed to meet on a cross-party basis to identify areas where we could work together over the next four years for the benefit of the ward. Given my discussion with you on the phone and the relative urgency of getting requests in highways requests for the coming year's work programme we concentrated on highways issues at our initial meeting. Much of our discussion was focused on areas that residents had asked us to work to improve during the recent elections.

As a result of these discussions we decided that we would like to prioritise the following schemes for Beacon Hill and Hindhead. It was agreed, therefore, that I should write to you on behalf of all present at the meeting to ask for your own views and, ideally, support for these:

**1. Clovelly Road:** We support the residents' petition for physical speed calming measures, particularly speed humps or similar calming measures on either side of the approach to the dip (Clovelly Drive/Downside junction) and also on the corner with Hill Road.

**2. Beacon Hill Village:** We propose a 20 MPH limit for the entire area bounded by the junctions of Tilford Road with (1) Beacon Hill Road and (2) Clovelly Road and of Churt Road with (3) Beacon Hill Road. We believe that this would be broadly in line with Surrey County Council's 'liveable neighbourhoods' policy and is very much in accordance with feedback we achieved during the recent election campaign. The fact that this area has only the three entry/exit points referenced above should make it easy and cost-effective to implement a 20MPH zone across the village.

**3. A287 Churt Road:** We would like the possibility of placing a 30MPH limit on this road to be re-examined with a view to implementing a scheme covering the entire length of the road from the current end of the current 30 MPH limit in Hindhead (i.e. past Tower Road travelling north) as far as Whitmore Vale Road. In making this request, we would note:

- Beacon Hill is currently the only village settlement on the A287 between Haslemere and Farnham not protected by 30MPH restrictions. Traffic in Hindhead, Churt and Frensham all already have 30 MPH limits but Beacon Hill does not in spite of the relative proximity of Beacon Hill School to the A287 and the higher housing density in the area.
- There are a number of potential danger points along the road that merit speed protection, including the junctions with Tilford Road, Hillgarth, Beacon Hill Road, Corry Road, Steepways and the Golf Course. We are not sure about the accident statistics for these junctions but I know for a fact that there have been three crashes due to cars taking the Churt/Tilford Road junction too quickly in recent years, one resulting in my neighbours having a VW Beetle on its roof in their garden! Hindhead Golf Course is a particular area of vulnerability as there are around 400 daily movements by their entrance.
- The fact that pedestrians have to cross the road to access the popular walks in the Golden Valley also has to be taken into account.

We also have interest in exploring the creation of a cycle route/pedestrian pathway along the current informal path along the edge of the Golden Valley between Hindhead and Beacon Hill, although appreciate that this may be a longer term aspiration requiring collaboration, e.g., with the National Trust.

**4. Tilford Road Traffic Calming:** The existing scheme has been in place for a good number of years and has been a success. However, it has now become dilapidated, with some of the red surfaces and associated road markings almost entirely worn away. We would like this to be refurbished to its original standard. We also believe that the current scheme is deficient in lacking speed humps to protect the junction with Wood Road from traffic travelling

north towards Farnham. As well as being used by buses turning right from Wood Road into Tilford Road, this is also an important pedestrian crossing point for access to St Albans church.

Although these were the highest priority points arising from our discussions, we would note that there will be other highways improvements we would wish to discuss in due course as part of a wider Beacon Hill Regeneration Programme that we are currently in the early stages of planning.

It is our intention to ask Pippa Auger to add these items to Haslemere Town Council's list of requested improvements for the forthcoming SCC Western Villages highways meeting. We are also planning a public meeting in late September to demonstrate support for these initiatives. However, we would very much welcome further discussion with you as to how best we can advance these objectives as we appreciate that we are unlikely to make much headway without your support.

The above points are all supported by:

**Jean Arrick, Haslemere Town Council**

**Malcolm Carter, Haslemere Town Council**

**Jerome Davidson, Haslemere Town Council & Waverley Borough Council**

**Julian Spence, Waverley Borough Council**

**Conrad Waters, Haslemere Town Council**

Kind regards,

Conrad