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Dear Mr Gates

Roman Way School Andover

Thank you for your letter dated the 29 October 2014 regarding the need for a new controlled pedestrian crossing on Viking Way outside the Roman Way Primary School.

I very much understand your concerns and hope that this letter will update you on the current situation. I am aware that residents have been concerned about traffic speeds on Viking way for some time. Speed surveys, conducted by Hampshire County Council in February 2014, shows that vehicles are not, on the whole, driving above the speed limit; however, the speed of traffic close to a school does seem inappropriate.

You are correct in suggesting that developer funding for a controlled crossing and traffic calming is dependent on occupation triggers at the East Anton development. Hampshire County Council will receive funding from the developer for work on Viking Way when there are 1050 houses occupied. The full funding from the developer is not triggered until there are 2350 houses occupied. The number of occupied houses at the end of September 2014 was 958 so we are expecting the 1050 trigger to be met soon.

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I am sure you are aware that there are many investigations that have to be undertaken in order for a controlled pedestrian crossing to be installed. These include making sure proposals are safe and also in the most suitable location for pedestrian desire lines. In order to understand and fully justify the need for a controlled crossing we undertook a survey of pedestrians and traffic on the 23 January 2014. These surveys were undertaken to the east and west of Witan Close.

The surveys indicate that the current pedestrian movements do not justify a controlled pedestrian crossing so we would recommend no further action until levels increased. This was as expected and why the funding for the controlled crossing was linked to the occupation levels. In the interim uncontrolled crossings have been installed to hopefully assist pedestrian movements but to also guide residents to cross in certain locations. Further pedestrian crossing surveys will be undertaken to ensure that when sufficient crossing movements are achieved a controlled crossing can be installed.

On a positive note, a feasibility study has recently been commissioned with the approval of County Councillor Tim Rolt. The study will assess the existing and predicted pedestrian movements and look at the most suitable location for a controlled crossing. This will mean that as soon as the criterion is reached we will be able to move ahead quickly.

The study will be undertaken over the next few months. This will include the feasibility of providing a controlled crossing for future installation. The results of the study will then be shared in a consultation with local stakeholders, such as yourself, when you will be able to comment upon the proposals. The study will also review the most appropriate location for the crossing, once usage reaches the required level.

The feasibility study will also look into options for traffic calming across the whole area of Viking Way, Roman Way and Smannell Road, which aims to reduce traffic speeds and therefore make it easier and safer to cross the roads close to the school.

I trust the information provided here provides you with some certainty that things are progressing and what is currently underway. Please be assured that Hampshire County Council understands the issues raised by the school and local residents and is actively looking at ways to resolve them.

Yours sincerely



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