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Dear Councillor Adams-King

HIGHWAYS, ON STREET PARKING AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT WITHIN RUSHMOOR AREA

At recent meetings of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Policy and Project Advisory Board, a number of issues were raised relating to County Council Services that fall within your portfolio. Set out below are the issues raised by local elected Members.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- Condition of Rushmoor's Road Network - Elected Members would like to raise a number of concerns regarding the condition of the road network and have asked if you are able to provide the following information:
 - The total budget allocated to Rushmoor for maintenance compared to the rest of the County
 - Data on the number of pothole reports versus repairs in the Borough
 - Data on the frequency of gully emptying
 - Details of major works and highway repairs, both current and planned
- Traffic management – in relation, particularly, to the Lynchford Road improvement programme; a number of concerns have been raised regarding the current diversion routes. The Council have received reports of concern with the increased number of vehicles using the diversion routes, damage to vehicles and residence and “close calls” with children using the school crossings when walking to and from school. Councillors would like to informally discuss the scheme and the potential for alternative diversions given the proposed duration of the scheme.

Policy and Project Advisory Board

- Following the decision by Hampshire County Council to terminate the agency agreement with the Council to manage on street parking services and traffic management on 31st March 2023. A number of concerns have been raised by elected Members as set out below:

- On street parking in specific areas where issues had occurred in the past, in particular Aldershot Park around the Lido site
- Loss of local knowledge
- Highways issues, currently raised primarily with local elected Members and not the County Council – this will become more of an issue for users moving forward. Request for special access route for Members to the HCC Highways Team
- Request for more detail from HCC on their strategy regarding on street parking, post 31st March 2023

Initially, we would welcome an informal conversation to further discuss the issues raised above and agree a way forward and would be happy to hold a meeting either in person or on Teams.

We look forward to hearing back from you and would be happy to discuss this matter further, in advance of a meeting, should you wish.

Yours sincerely



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CC:

- *Russell Oppenhiemer – Executive Member Universal Services*
- *Patrick Blogg – Director of Universal Services, Hampshire County Council*
- *Rachel Barker – Assistant Chief Executive and Lead Officer Policy and Project Advisory Board*