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Subject: Holyport Road Traffic Calming

To Councillors D Burbage, L Walters and B Thompson,

You will have seen an email from Ben Smith summarising the 8th November meeting that took place between him and Steve Lumb and me.

There is an action on Steve Lumb and me to seek support of local Ward Members and the Parish Council "in promoting a project that seeks to further improve road safety" on Holyport Road.

Such a project, if successful, would ensure that traffic conforms to 30mph as requested for safety reasons on the Thames Valley Safer Roads Partnership website - (At 35mph you are twice as likely to kill someone as at 30mph) <http://www.saferroads.org/> This would also reduce both noise and gaseous pollution, and would perhaps encourage some drivers to take alternative routes, thus reducing the traffic volume.

As David Burbage is the local Ward Member who, from past correspondence has shown the most interest in the Holyport Road problem, I invite him to consult with the other Ward Members and respond on behalf of all.

At our meeting with Ben Smith he agreed to support a residents survey as to their wishes on traffic calming, to be carried out when funds become available to do so.

As, for this to proceed, it will require agreement of local Ward Members and the Parish Council, I ask Ward Members to indicate that you do support a fresh survey, with a view to installing effective traffic calming.

Further, we have noted from your periodic Conservative Party leaflets, that you three Ward Members have been instrumental in having traffic calming installed in Fifield and on the Ascot Road, and in the road known as Moneyrow Green (which is also situated within the boundary of Holyport). Such calming has included traffic tables, small 30mph roundals, road surface markings and "Gateways".

We have noted also concerns expressed that urbanisation should be resisted, meaning resistance to signage, street lighting, concern about retaining traditional telephone boxes. We would like to see similar concerns from Ward Members about the imposition on Holyport of traffic of 7639 vehicles per day, this itself being the sort of change which makes some urbanisation essential.

David Burbage has advised me recently that he would be looking into the legal aspects of the installation on Holyport Road of small 30mph roundals, as has been done in Moneyrow Green and on the Ascot Road as it transits Holyport. We look forward to hearing of his findings, and we request that you Ward Members and Bray Parish Council apply a common policy for traffic calming on the roads through Holyport. As there can be no objection to such a common policy we request that immediate consideration be given to installing "Gateways" near the A308 end of Holyport Road, at or near where the Holyport boundary crosses the road in line with the North Western boundary of "High Trees".

The volume of traffic passing through Holyport, and in particular along Holyport Road, has steadily increased in recent years (the last survey recorded an average of 7,639 per day over an 11 day period - against in 2001 - 6000 per day). We are told by newspaper reports of plans for more homes especially in the North Bracknell area, (10,780 homes in "Bracknell Forest" over next 20 years) so it can be expected that without a new M4 junction 9 between current 8/9 and 10, the traffic volume through Holyport will steadily increase.

We therefore ask you to seriously consider how to have a new Maidenhead Eastern bypass constructed so as to relieve both Bray and Holyport of traffic increases.

Another possibility could be the "access only" solution, as in Colnbrook. Councillor Burbage is aware of my interest in this drastic solution.

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