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Dear Mr Cormie

Thank you for your email dated 19th June 2003 regarding the traffic calming at both Fifield and the Holyport Road.

Our Traffic Management Department did not support a series of speed humps at the Fifield location as it had not met the usual criteria for them (i.e. high speed of vehicles and number of previous accidents). My understanding is that there was also opposition from some residents as to the sitings of these humps and the lighting that would have to accompany them.

On the subject of Holyport Road, as you are aware the speed limit has been reduced from 40mph to 30mph. There was a proposal by the council to install speed cushions in the straight part of the road. These have proved to be ineffective at slowing vehicles down as even the majority of small cars can put a wheel either side of the cushion and do not have to slow down. Humps are more effective but they add to the emergency vehicles' response times, and I have been advised that they would not be suitable for this busy road. The most effective way at present to deal with speed at this location is via enforcement. This location does now feature as an enforcement area for patrol officers based at Taplow.

I do hope that when we get our local 'Speed Watch Initiative' up and running later this year, that the Special Constabulary will be able to provide additional support to these types of locations to make them a little safer from the speeding motorists.

Yours sincerely

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