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Dear Felicity and Duncan,

Request for Highways England support with spatial modelling in Hurst Green, East Sussex to support Neighbourhood Plan / Site Allocations

I am writing in regard to our meeting at the end of last year where, along with Huw Merriman (MP), Duncan McNab, Co-Chair of our Neighbourhood Plan Infrastructure task group and others from the Parish Council, we discussed the kind support Highways England could offer the Parish Council and our Neighbourhood Plan group.

As you will recall, we were particularly interested in any spatial planning Highways England may be able to provide the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Planning Group. If achievable, we are seeking Highways pragmatic view of acceptability of housing development along various sections (detailed below) of the A21 in and near to Hurst Green in East Sussex to comply with local and central government planning allocations.

We would be extremely grateful if the view from Highways England could take the format of a scaled view of areas of road, both of accesses on either the northbound and southbound carriageway, that are 'least objectionable'. It occurs to us to propose that this view could be given along the following lines for each segment: '*Most preferred*', '*Neutral*' or '*Least Preferred*'.

We are particularly interested in the following segments of the A21:

- Segment 1: a 480m stretch of the A21, from north of the A265/ A21 junction.
- Segment 2: a 620m stretch of the A21 from south of the A265/A21 junction.
- Segment 3: a 900m section of the A21 from south of the last houses past the village school to past the A21/Bodiam junction near Hurst Green.
- Segment 4: a 250m section of the A21 in either direction from the A21/A229 junction.
- Segment 5: a 400m section of the A21 from south of the A21 / B2099 junction in Swiftsden
- Segment 6: a 400m section of the A21 from north of the A21 / B2099 junction in Swiftsden

For each segment of the A21 above, in addition to the north and southbound carriageway split, we would be grateful for a position on 2 different housing scenarios:

- Scenario 1: housing development of sites containing more than 10 homes
- Scenario 2: housing development of sites containing less than 5 homes

Hopefully the above is achievable, appreciating that Highways input is at the moment based only on a hypothetical idea of required housing developments along the A21, in and near Hurst Green. For ease, a worked example response might take the following format:

- Segment 1: a 480m stretch of the A21 from north of the A265/ A21 junction.
 - Accesses from Northbound carriageway - Scenario 1 (over 10 homes)
 - *Highways England initial view: 'Neutral'*
 - Accesses from Northbound carriageway - Scenario 2 (less than 5 homes)
 - *Highways England initial view: 'Neutral'*
 - Accesses from Southbound carriageway - Scenario 1 (over 10 homes)
 - *Highways England initial view: 'Neutral'*
 - Accesses from Southbound carriageway - Scenario 2 (less than 5 homes)
 - *Highways England initial view: 'Neutral'*

In addition to the above, we would also be most grateful for additional guidance that Highways England may be able to provide, for example I understand in the past your position was one of preferring that any development leverage an existing access.

I would be grateful if you would be able to let me know if you are still able to accommodate this request, so that I might inform the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Steering group.

Yours sincerely



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