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Re: Holme Lacy Road- Road & Cycleway Improvements

Dear Mr Ball.

At the extra Ordinary Meeting of Lower Bullingham Parish Council held on 21/8/2017 the council meet to discuss our preferred plan to complement the traffic calming on Holme Lacy Road.

The Parish Councils requests are as follows which should not prejudice our separate issue of non-compliance to planning conditions attached to planning consent DCCE2004/3733/F dated 8th December 2005

1.A traffic light controlled pedestrian crossing at or near The Wye Inn. The local bus service has stops on either side of the road here & users of this service have great difficulty crossing the road .The stops are also used by the school transport provision and children have to cross the road here often with no supervision. The Parish Council believes this to be a matter of great concern to public safety.

The Parish Council have discussed this previously as part of the traffic calming package, with both Council officials & Miread Lane, minutes of these meetings are available, and the Parish Council have retained plans of the “agreed measures.”

2. The footpath from The Wye Inn down to Goodwin way has been a designated cycleway, although it would appear that this is no longer the case, markings and signage are no longer displayed. However cyclists still use the pathway, which is causing a hazard to both pedestrians and motor vehicle users at various property entrances and junctions along the .A member of the public reported to the meeting a cyclist had ran into his passenger door whilst he was waiting to exit The Forge venue.

The Parish Council ask that the footpath be clearly defined and appropriate signage for cyclists to use the highway where no cycleway is provided.

Vehicle exiting is also made difficult by unkept perimeter vegetation, Balfour Beatty locality Officer has been informed of this.

3. The surface of the Holme Lacy road from the end of the CO-OP is generally appalling, with many pot holes and carriageway damage to the edge of the highway which causes cyclists that do use the road unnecessary hazards. In the interest of road safety, we would ask that the highway is resurfaced upto Holme Lacy road railway bridge.

4. The Parish Council requests that the council the provision of a cycle/pedestrian tunnel adjacent to highway through the railway embankment.
The Parish Council would remind you that with the impending Southern Urban Expansion being such close proximity the use of single carriageway/traffic lights are an unsuitable option and we must jointly plan for the future.

The railway bridge currently has a 7.5 tonne weight limit restriction and height restriction. It is suggested that a lower height restriction would facilitate the unenforceable weight restriction.

5. Within this package we would also draw your attention to Watery Lane, and we ask that the lane is brought into a 30mph zone, also that in order to prevent a unsatisfactory "Rat Run" it is deemed Access Only, No through traffic.

6. With reference to the road signage the Parish Council has held discussions with the Enterprise Zone Board and would wholeheartedly agree that clearly defined signage is required on the A49 to inform HGV drivers that they must use the access road to enter the Industrial Estate. Signage between The Grafton Inn and the roundabout clearly needs to state All HGV access to Industrial Estates to use Access Road.

Clear signage needs to be on A49 Southbound near to the Hinton Community Centre again stating clearly No HGV access to Industrial Estate. Brown HGV logo pointing southbound. The current signage here is inadequate. This signage being reinforced by St Martins Church

7. It is the requested that these measures be implemented into a plan of works in an expedited manner. To complement the South Wye Transport Package, but delivered within a defined and agreed timescale.

The Parish Council request that the planning of these measures be a continuing dialogue between The Parish Council, Herefordshire Council and its highways service provider.

We would also take this opportunity to inform you that many the requests we have made are incorporated into our Made Lower Bullingham Neighbourhood Plan

Yours Sincerely

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