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Sent: 08 December 2016 14:39
To: Capel Parish Council (clerk@capelpc.co.uk)
Subject: RE: Capel Parish Council – Volume & Speed of Traffic

Dear Mrs Fenton,

Thank you for your recent correspondence highlighting your concerns and suggested solutions for the issues raised.

Firstly, the A21 improvement is a Highways England project and all diversions and temporary signage for this is undertaken by them and I would suggest contacting them with your concerns and suggestions. The A21 dualling works are temporary and many areas in and around these works are experiencing higher levels of inconvenience. No temporary signing will be installed on behalf of Kent County Council (KCC) for the duration of these works.

The junction of Alders Road with the A228 Colts Hill has been identified in our annual review under the Crash Remedial Programme at KCC due to the significant number of personal injury crashes recorded in the last three years. The investigation process has commenced and any alterations that may be identified to improve safety would be undertaken in the new financial year. Alders Road and the B2017 routes have not been identified as high risk cluster sites and will therefore not be prioritised over other sites.

KCC understands local concerns for the area and ensures there is regular ongoing monitoring. Currently Cllr Alex King is pursuing an extension of the current 30mph limit from Capel School to going west using local funds.

Many of the requests you refer to involve traffic regulation orders and a statutory process, which can prove to be costly. The County Council has power to prohibit heavy goods vehicles from travelling through a route but cannot prohibit any vehicles that are making local deliveries within the area. Being a rural village it may be inappropriate to implement such restriction as it could have a negative effect on safety and movement causing vehicles to use other less suitable routes. There is no funding available for non-evidential safety related alteration.

Thank you for raising this matter with us. I understand you are concerned for road safety at this location and I can reassure you that we take this matter very seriously. As part of our Casualty Reduction Programme, KCC will continue to monitor the safety record in the area.

Kind Regards

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