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Mr P Ayerst  
Sent by Email

Dear Mr Ayerst

**LTIP0042 Forest School, Horsham**

Further to your letter and our recent meeting at the North Horsham CLC regarding the proposed improvement to support Forest School. Thank you for bringing this matter to the meeting and I can confirm that your comments are noted by Members of the CLC.

To clarify, Members received a report that outlined how the County Council has been asked by leaders of the school and the Local Member to address safety concerns outside Forest School where there is a child casualty history associated with the journey to and from school. Forest is a growing school and there are many buses that serve the site twice daily. Many pupils cycle and walk to the site. The peak activity generates considerable congestion.

Having had the opportunity to reflect on this issue and having spoken with the Officer leading the proposed improvement, I now understand there will be no Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) included, hence, the CLC will not be involved formally any further in the highways or other decisions involving this proposal.

Importantly, as was mentioned at our meeting it was understood that the Local Member and the leaders of the school wanted to address safety concerns outside Forest School which led to this proposed improvement and as you know the Local Member was not able to be present at the last CLC meeting due to illness.

Having discussed this matter with my colleagues on the CLC, we believe it is important that the Local Member can be part of the decision for next steps. That said, Members of the CLC have suggested to Officers that further consideration might be given to investigate a revised improvement, that may allow a re-evaluation of the site including the status of the tree.

Therefore, this will be an opportunity to obtain guidance from the Local Member and Officers to review the potential for an alternative improvement, including consideration of land issues and a discussion with leaders of the school and our Education Service together with any further consultation.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Catchpole". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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