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Date: 28th April 2021

Dear Resident,

Proposed Pedestrian Crossing, Hencotes, Hexham

Following this letter which was sent to you dated 19th April, regarding the proposed zebra crossing, we have been made aware that the wrong plan was sent and that some residents may have misinterpreted the content of the letter as being a notification of the scheme taking place as opposed to a consultation exercise to seek your views on the proposed scheme.

I would like to apologise on behalf of the Council for any misunderstandings created by the letter issued on 19th April and to assure you that this is a consultation exercise and that your views will be taken fully into consideration prior to any final decision being made on whether or not to proceed with the proposed zebra crossing scheme.

As further background to this proposal I would like to advise that back in 2019 the area around the Hencotes / St Cuthberts Lane junction was identified as a High Risk site following the occurrence of three or more personal injury collisions in the previous three years.

Given that two of the accidents involved pedestrian casualties, along with the increased volume of pedestrians who will be attending the new Queen Elizabeth High School it was appropriate to consider the introduction of a zebra crossing. It is anticipated that this would address safety concerns and provide a safe crossing point for pedestrians.

The enclosed drawing highlights the location of the proposed crossing. Please note that the introduction of the crossing will require the removal of four parking bays, however under the scheme two new bays would be provided at each end of Hencotes as indicated on the plan. Unfortunately, this would still mean a net loss of two bays as parking is not permitted on the zig zag markings at any time.

If you wish to make any comments on this proposal please do so before Friday 28th May 2021 via email to HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk

Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to individual comments, but all of the comments received will be anonymised and included and considered in a Decision Report to the Director of Local Services who will determine whether the scheme should be progressed or not, having taken into account public feedback and the road safety issues associated with this location. The final decision report will be available for public inspection.

Yours Sincerely,
Highways Programme Team



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