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Councillor Vera Roberts

Dear Councillor Roberts,

OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO THE PETITION: A534 FARNDON CROSSROADS.

Further to your petition regarding the A534 Farndon Crossroads please find below the Council's response to the points raised.

Please be assured that as a result of this petition the Road Safety team has searched the collision database for any incidents at or near this junction during the last three and five year periods of data available.

The Road Safety team, as a part of its annual programme, reviews all locations where personal injury collisions have occurred. This review helps in producing our annual list of collision cluster sites, which is used as the basis for informing our future road safety engineering programmes.

When determining these programmes we use data from recorded injury collisions from across the network, the data for which is provided by the Cheshire Police force. This data includes all types of road users from vehicle occupants to pedestrians, pedal cyclists and horse riders and considers factors such as wet road / skid collisions and severity of injury. The police may also request other sites to be added where they have concerns



relating to an abnormal level of damage-only collisions. We can also receive direction from the Courts or the Coroner's officer to make safety improvements.

To analyse collisions across the borough the Council uses a database called KeyAccident. The Road Safety team uses the data provided by the Police to ensure the system is kept up to date. We do however always have a three-month lag which allows the Police time to check the data accuracy. It is worthy of note that should a casualty of a collision die within 90 days of the collision, as a result of the injuries sustained, then this is also recorded as a road death.

At this time this location is not being considered as a priority for inclusion within the road safety engineering programme for next year, as other sites in the borough have been identified that have a higher personal injury collision rate. It is appreciated that this may not be the outcome you were hoping for but the Council must be consistent with how it assesses and prioritises all locations for possible inclusion within future road safety engineering programmes.

Independent of the petition request a speed limit review has recently been undertaken on the A534 (December 2021) at the request of the Parish Council. The review considered the route of the A534 from Clutton to the boundary with Wrexham near Holt with the route being split into sections. One of these sections was from a point east of the Sibbersfield Road junction to the boundary with Wrexham, so including the crossroads. The report recommended no change to the existing speed limit when this section was assessed against the criteria set out within the review. The terms of reference for the review are Department for Transport Circular 01/2013 Setting Local Speed Limits and Traffic Advisory Leaflet 01/04 Village Speed Limits.

Following the submission of the petition, officers have undertaken an inspection of the area. The inspection has confirmed that the A534 approaches to the Sibbersfield Road crossroads already benefit from the presence of advance directional signs, flag direction signing, street lighting and road markings which include marked out turning lanes. Additionally, the approach from the Clutton direction also benefits from a vehicle

activated sign for the crossroads ahead which targets vehicles that would be exceeding the speed limit.

Whilst the signs are in a good condition and are visible it is considered that the road markings could benefit from being refreshed. A works order will be raised to undertake refreshing of the road markings in the new financial year and where necessary, vegetation encroaching on to the sign face will be removed. The Parish Council will be kept informed of any such improvements.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your petition and we hope the above information demonstrates that the Council has considered the matters raised

Response dated: 28 February 2022