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Mr Tom Hughes
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Dear Mr Hughes,

I wish to highlight my concerns to the Parish Council, regarding the continual requests for maintenance of the Gaydon lay-by. It is also useful for me to reiterate the County Council's final position on this matter.

The Council cannot give you permission to work on the highway to clear or maintain this area. I am sure you will appreciate that all works upon the highway must be undertaken safely by competent and accredited contractors and all highway works must be legally and correctly noticed.

In addition, this council does not control environmental services. This is a service undertaken by Stratford on Avon District Council. The collection of rubbish, litter picking or the installation of extra litter bins, is a service request which should be passed to the District Council. My area highways team can assist you with any contacts, should you need it.

Any concerns regarding anti-social behaviour should be reported to the Police, so that they can respond and undertake any actions they consider appropriate. Of course the County Council will continue to undertake all highway maintenance and safety works necessary for this area. Your acceptance and understanding of this will assist my highways team to focus on their duties throughout the County.

I am also aware of your discussions with Officers and Cllr Williams in regards to your aspirations for measures to assist with compliance with the speed limit throughout the Village. I understand my Officers have met with representatives from the Parish Council and subsequently attended a Parish Council meeting to outline our position.

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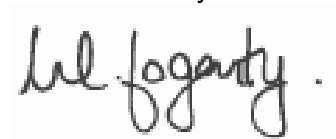
In essence, the enforcement of the existing speed limit is a matter for Warwickshire Police. Further to this I am pleased to understand that the Parish has established a Community SpeedWatch Team to support compliance. Officers recognise the benefits that the introduction of 'gateway' type measures can have upon influencing vehicle speeds, however the funding of such measures would need to come from either the County Councillor's delegated budget or other external funding providers potentially including the Parish Council itself.

The allocation of the Member's delegated budget is at the discretion of the County Councillor with advice from Officers. It is worth noting that in this instance Councillor Williams budget of £35K needs to support projects across 18 parishes. Once funding is identified, Officers would then work with the Parish Council in developing a suitable scheme.

Whilst I am keen for my Officers to support the Parish Council it is not an effective use of their time to continually revisit the same grounds on parish issues. Therefore I have advised Officers that I do not expect them to continue corresponding on the above matters unless circumstances change materially.

Officers will, of course, continue to support the Parish Council in all other matters. I hope this is seen as helpful, and that it will bring clarity to what is possible and not possible. This seems to be necessary in order to manage expectations of all interested parties going forward, and as such I am happy for this letter to be shared more widely as you consider appropriate.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Monica Fogarty', followed by a period. The signature is written in a cursive style.

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CC: Cllr Chris Williams
Mark Ryder – Head of Transport & Economy