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Dear Mr Lee

Ship Hill/Westmore Green Tatsfield (20mph Speed Limit) Order 2006 Proposed Traffic Calming Measures in Ship Hill Tatsfield

We refer to the above mentioned items and on behalf of residents in Vern Place, Tatsfield are instructed to formally object to the proposals.

It is evident that the reason for the Order and calming measures is to facilitate a development that would otherwise be unacceptable. In developments we have dealt with over the years across the County the Highway Engineers for the County have always made it clear that the imposition of speed limits and traffic calming measures to facilitate a development is unacceptable, that is of course unless the County is the applicant as is the case in this instance. The access to the new school is in the most inappropriate location and this is evidenced by the new measures that are now required in order to seek to ensure that the development functions.

Paragraph 3 of the summary is important where it states that 'a reduction in the speed limit in conjunction with the signs, compliments the available sight lines from the proposed access...'. In other words, by reducing the speed limit the Highway Authority can then argue that a reduced sight line of 33m is acceptable whereas by retaining the 30mph limit they know that they cannot obtain the appropriate sight line for that speed of traffic. This is a cynical approach by the Authority in order to justify a wholly inappropriate vehicular access to this major development and would not have been permitted had the development in question been a private one. In any event the 33m sight line to the left appears to cross land that is outside the ownership of the Local Authority.

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The raised tables can, and more often than not do, generate a greater level of noise than currently exists with traffic movements. The provision of such a raised table in close proximity will substantially increase the level of noise and disturbance for the occupiers of 1 Vern Place, in particular, whose overall amenity and quality of life has been ignored by those proposing the development. The increase in noise will substantially detract from the overall environmental quality of the property especially as the road is used by buses and other commercial traffic. Such facilities are, in any event, frowned upon by bus companies and emergency services.

Many other ways exist in order to ensure that the vehicle speeds are kept within the new limit such as narrowings, chicanes, islands and signs. The most inappropriate and least acceptable from an environmental impact aspect is that chosen by the Highway Authority in this instance.

Accordingly, we object to these matters on behalf of our clients. One must question the need for the introduction of the new speed limit in the first instance and also the new speed tables. These are allegedly in order to provide the visibility splays commensurate with not only the vehicle speeds but to ensure that they are within the land available to the applicant. Clearly, the road humps will satisfy Surrey County Council to the detriment of other road users in general and the overall residential amenities of the Vern Place occupiers in particular.

Please acknowledge receipt of this formal letter of objection.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to be 'A.K.H. Associates', written in a cursive style.

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