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21 November 2018

To: All Members of Winwick Parish Council

Dear Councillor

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at the Winwick Leisure Centre on Tuesday, 27 November 2018 at 7.30 pm.

Yours sincerely

Julian Joinson
Interim Clerk to the Parish Council

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Code of Conduct - Declarations of Interest**

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary or non pecuniary interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when the item is reached.

The Clerk is available prior to the meeting to give advice and/or to receive details of the interest and the item to which it relates.

Declarations are a personal matter for each Member to decide. The Clerk can advise on the Code and its interpretation, but the decision to declare, or not, is the responsibility of the individual Member based on the particular circumstances.

- 3. Minutes**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 23 October 2018.

- 4. Updates on Issues from Previous Meeting(s)**
- 5. Question Time for Electors**
- 6. Written Motions Received**

- 7. Police / Community Issues**
- 8. Correspondence**
- 9. Planning Matters**
- 10. Local Plan – Consultant’s Meeting with Warrington Borough Council**
- 11. Finance Report**
- 12. Budget Planning 2019/20 and Precept Requirement**
- 13. Traffic Management Scheme – Myddleton Lane - Draft Options**
- 14. Parish Remuneration Panel – Members Allowances 2019/20**
- 15. Reports from Parish Council Committees**
 - Management Committee – 13 November 2018
- 16. Reports from Approved Outside Body Appointments**
 - Rights of Way Forum (Councillor Matthews)
- 17. Ward Reports / Updates**
 - Houghton Green Ward
(Councillors D Friend, G Friend, Matthews and Purnell)
 - Peel Hall Ward
(Councillors Emery, Gosney and Vobe)
 - Winwick Ward
(Councillors Gordon, Iddon and Mitchell)
- 18. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday, 22 January 2019 at 7.30pm**
- 19. Chairman to move to Part 2**

Part 2

In accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Council may, by resolution, exclude the public (and press) from the following part of the meeting on the basis that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution (including the need to receive or consider recommendations or advice from sources other than members, committees or sub-committees) and arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings.

Nil

Meeting to discuss the WMBC Local Plan Review 13 November 2018

Steven Broomhead Warrington Chief Executive
Andy Farrall Executive Director for Environment and Regeneration
Peter Black (representing Culcheth and Glazebury, Croft, Winwick and Poulton with
 Fearnhead Parish Councils)

PB explained the background to the objection and the representation from the Parish Councils:

- In general, the Parish Councils supported the concept of transition from New Town to New City, also the stated emphasis on town centre and waterfront development.
- The Parish Councils were not anti-development but were opposed to Green Belt release.
- The scale and type of car-based development would cause significant traffic issues within both Warrington and the Parish Council areas.
- Densities were too low to achieve the aim of creating a 'new city' and were wasteful of land meaning that too much green field and Green Belt land would be released for housing
- Any new development should benefit existing communities and not just accommodate people who would car-commute to jobs outside Warrington
- Development should be based on the 'Compact City model common in northern Europe.
- Retail and commercial trends meant that more land should be available for town centre and other urban housing than stated in the draft plan.
- The plan period should run for a max of 15 years which would avoid Green Belt building

Discussion and information gained during the meeting

Government housing targets and plan period

1. This is complicated. Government have introduced a standard method of calculating housing targets known as Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) which produced a lower figure for Warrington than the draft Local Plan position which included additional housing to take account of accelerated Local Enterprise Partnership growth assumptions. The Household growth predictions used for OAN were recently replaced by lower 2018 predictions which should have reduced the OAN further. This was not politically acceptable to central Government, and they have decided that the older (out of date figures) for household formation should be used. For now, AF expects the housing figures will be 'around the mid-900s per year'.
2. It is not clear if this includes the LEP accelerated growth targets or if these are now irrelevant because of the OAN calculation. Also, the figure includes an amount of housing for recent 'under-delivery'. Given the history of the New Town, this may be challengeable.
3. The use of out of date statistics by Government is illogical and will probably be challenged in the courts somewhere in England; this could result in further delay and a new set of potentially lower figures.
4. WBC appear to accept that the plan period should now be 15 years. But ... AF suggested that Government changes to NPPF meant that the housing figures now run from adoption rather than the start of the local plan review process. This is important as if the plan period is reduced to 15 years, and it takes 3 years to prepare and approve, then 18 years of housing is needed in the plan. Therefore, reducing the plan period to 15 years will 'save' only 2 years of housing land. Further clarification on this is needed.

Building densities, urban form, transport and car dependency

5. AF did not respond directly to our suggestion to increase building densities to ensure that walking, cycling, public transport and local facilities are viable and to reduce the need for green field development. This was disappointing as this was the main thrust of our argument to create a truly sustainable new city. We need to follow this up.
6. AF considered that car dependency and transport could be considered at a more detailed design stage. This is also disappointing, and new evidence including at Chapelford in west Warrington [click here for report](#) suggests that if these issues are left to later, then it will result in communities that are totally dominated by cars and car parking.
7. AF did not accept our representation that retail and commercial trends meant that more land should be available for town centre and other urban housing. However, these trends are clear and accelerating and we may want to do our own work on this.

Housing Delivery and local choice of housing sites

8. There was discussion over how Warrington could ensure housing is built. AF considered that Warrington had rebuilt housing expertise recently and they would try to set up a delivery vehicle particularly to ensure town centre housing is built.

Neighbourhood Plans

9. AF suggested that while the borough intended to allocate numbers and at least some sites for housing around the northern Parishes, that if these Parishes agreed to progress Neighbourhood Plans, then this could allow significant ability for communities to determine the exact location, type and form of development. This needs further discussion.

Green Belt

10. AF considered that significant releases of Green Belt land would still be required. This is a disappointing outcome. We need to consider further work on this.

Garden Suburb (south Warrington)

11. Warrington are still keen to progress this, despite the wasteful nature of low-density development and the inability to have good quality local facilities, walking, cycling or public transport. While not a direct issue for northern Parishes, it shows that Warrington has not listened so far to the arguments put to it about sustainability and the nature of cities.

Next version of plan

12. If there is no further delay, WBC expect to issue the next draft version in March 2019 with a 8 week consultation, this would mean a Public Inquiry towards the end of 2019, with approval at the end of 2020.

Next steps

13. AF offered to arrange a meeting with Mike Bell (Planning policy and programmes manager)

Peel Hall update

14. The Public Inquiry result is expected first week January 2019. AF reported that the application was turned down largely on traffic grounds with the applicant not following WBCs preferred access arrangements. If the appeal is turned down then the current plan is to retain the site within the local plan, but that it would not be considered deliverable in the first 5 years of the new local plan. Council officers continue to regard the site as part of the housing allocation for the new local plan. If the site was to be deleted in the Local Plan, then AF considered that land for an additional 1,200 units would need to be found.

End of note - prepared by Peter Black

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Winwick Traffic Study Myddleton Lane Option 1 Speed Reduction Signage & Cameras

Key points

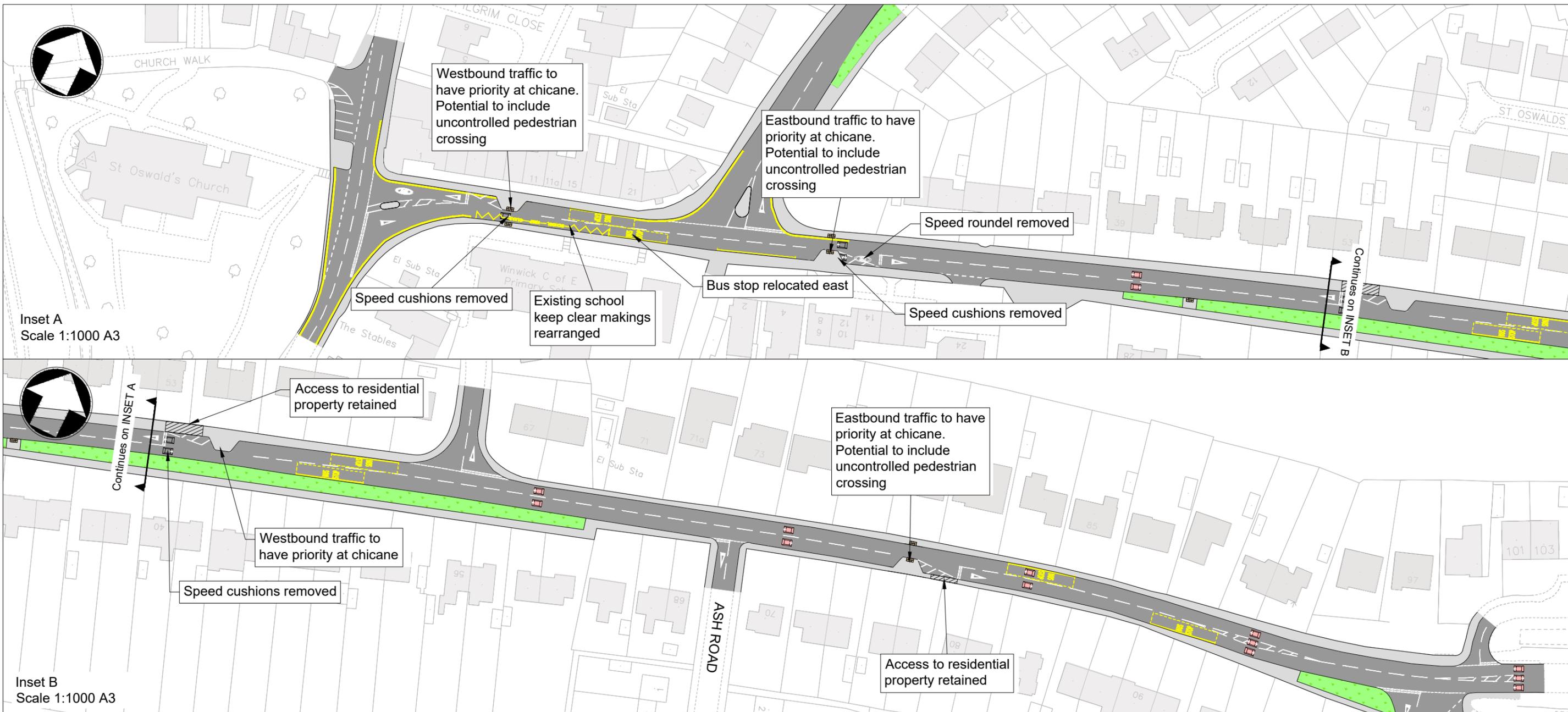
- Speed camera will have direct but localised effect on traffic speed
- Unlikely to effect the current traffic queues and congestion
- No improvement to the environment for non-motorised users
- Unlikely to discourage future traffic demand increase from developments
- Requires support from stakeholders as rarely used in 20mph zones
- Vehicle activated signage (VAS) has been implemented in local villages to Winwick such as Culcheth and Croft
- VAS low cost and easy to implement

Speed activated signage



Speed camera





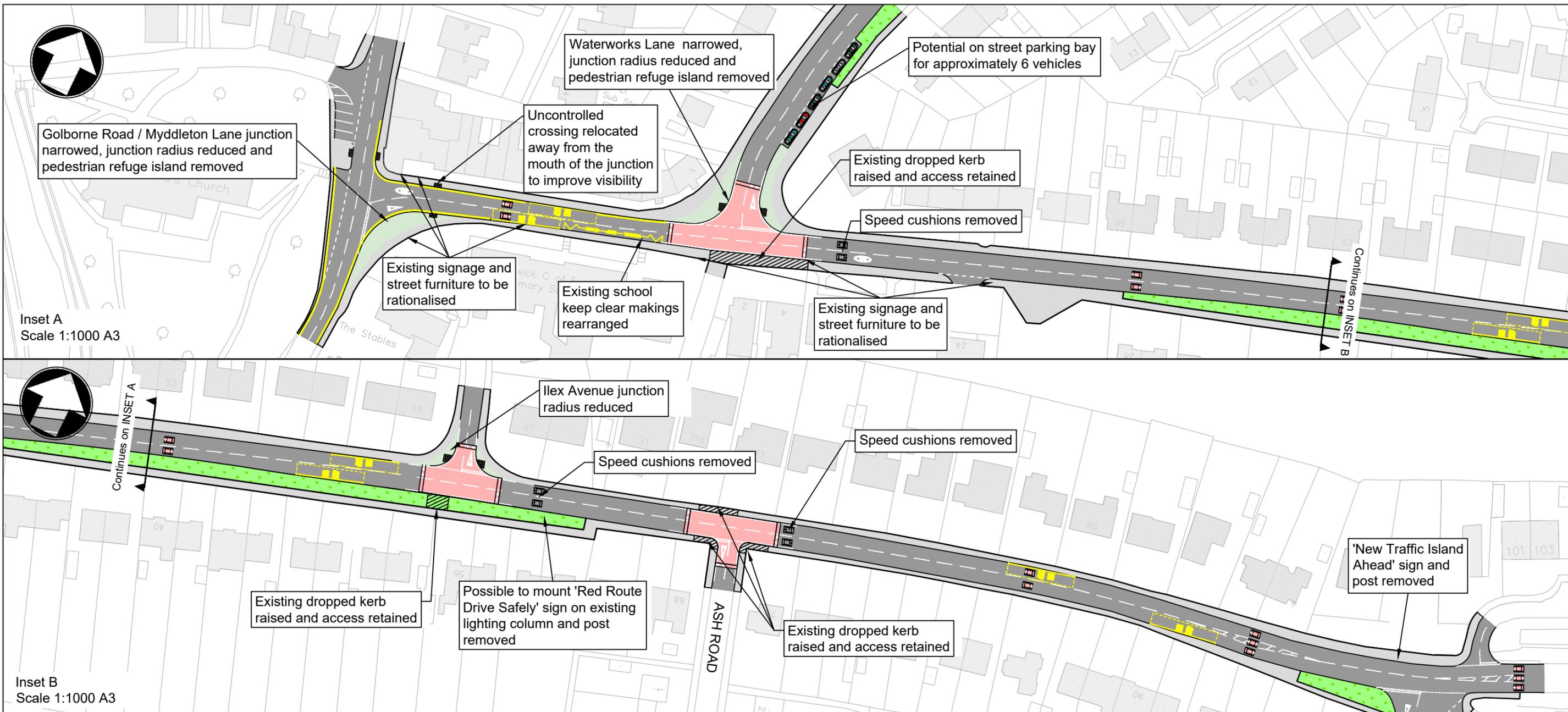
Winwick Traffic Study Myddleton Lane Option 2 Traffic Calming

Key points

- Likely to reduce traffic speeds along Myddleton Lane
- Congestion / queueing during peak times likely to remain an issue
- Potential to transfer traffic flows onto more appropriate routes
- Improved pedestrian crossing points
- Will discourage traffic from future developments using the route
- Bus operators have to wait for large gaps in the traffic
- Similar effect that on street parking has on passing traffic

Chicane





Winwick Traffic Study
Myddleton Lane
Option 3
Traffic Calming &
Environmental Improvements

Key points

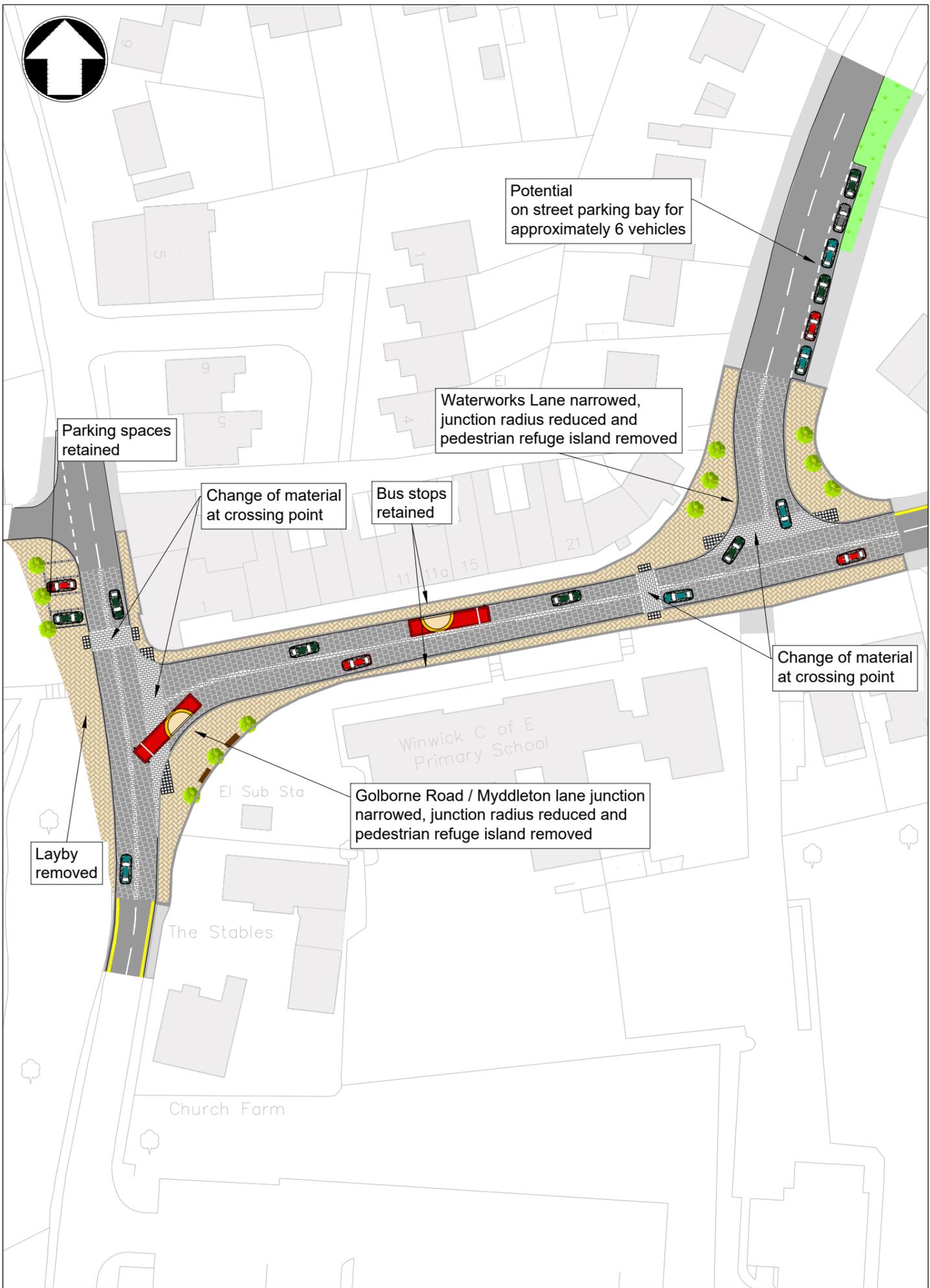
- Will have a direct impact on traffic speeds
- Unlikely to effect existing levels of queues and congestion
- Narrowing of junctions will improve the pedestrian environment including crossing facilities
- De-cluttering of existing street furniture will help improve the pedestrian environment
- In keeping with other local schemes such as the traffic calming along Golborne Road

Narrowing of carriageway at junction mouth

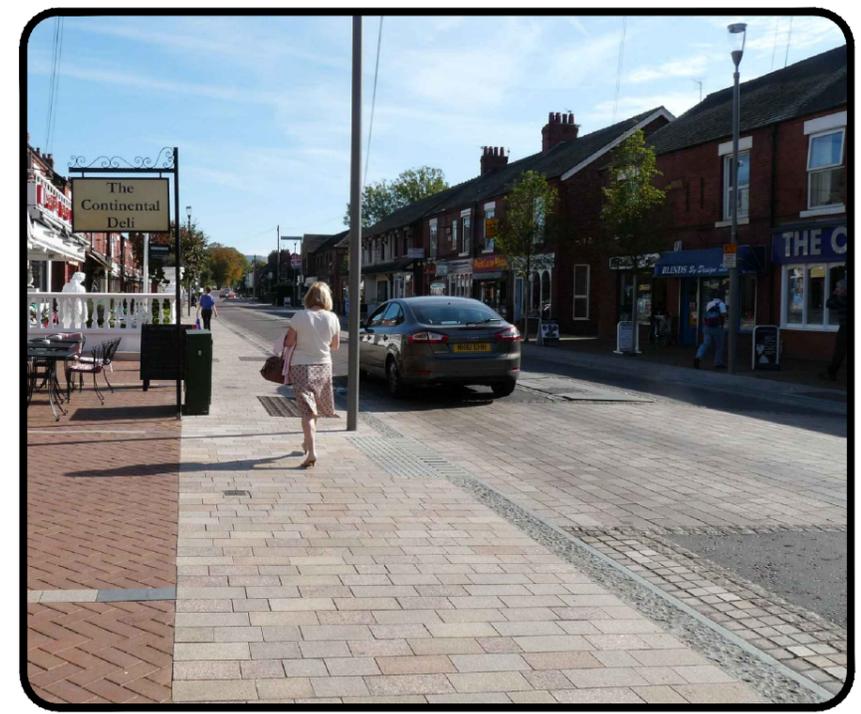


Raised table at junction



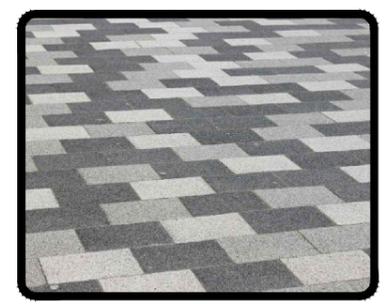


Poynton Town Centre Improvements



Comprehensive change in street materials

Decluttered and enhanced street furniture



Key points

- Changes the look and feel of the village, creating a much stronger sense of 'place'
- Similar schemes have shown to decrease the speed of vehicles through psychological traffic calming
- Improves the pedestrian environment around the village centre
- Significantly high cost relative to traditional traffic engineering measures
- Will cause short term disruption to the local highway network during construction phase
- Maintenance of materials may be an issue

WARRINGTON Borough Council



**To: All Clerks to Parish and Town Councils
in Warrington**

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20 November 2018

Dear Sir / Madam

PARISH REMUNERATION PANEL

You may recall that I wrote to you to request information in relation to allowances made to Councillors.

You will be aware that the Panel is required under Paragraph 28 of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 to make recommendations on the following:-

- The level of 'parish basic allowance';
- Whether that allowance shall be payable to the chair only, or to each parish member;
- Whether the amount payable to the chair should be higher than that payable to other members and, if so, the level of the higher amount;
- Level of travel and subsistence allowances;
- The responsibilities or duties for which travel and subsistence allowances may be received.

I am grateful to those who responded to my correspondence. I am now writing to confirm that the Independent Remuneration Panel, on 11 September 2018, approved its formal recommendations to parish and town councils in relation to civic year 2019/2020, as follows:-

Parish Councils with £140k+ Precept

£500 - £1000 - made available to the Chair, to be taken at the chair's discretion.

Parish Council with £50k - £139k Precept

£250 - £750 - made available to the Chair, to be taken at the chair's discretion

Parish Council with £0 - £49k Precept

£100- £500 - made available to the Chair, to be taken at the chair's discretion.

The Remuneration Panel also made the following recommendations;-

- That from a set date, to be agreed, that the allowances and the precept bandings be increased annually in line with CPI
- That if a Parish's current allowance for their Chair is above the suggested level then the Parish ought to justify why this is the case, and then either reduce it in line with the recommendation or leave it in place until the CPI adjustments catch up with the current allowance (i.e. no increases until it does so).
- It should also be noted that this does not include travel allowances and the panel believe this should be in line with those received by Borough Councillors i.e. HMRC rates.
- That a Chair's allowance also ought to be allowed to be split with other officers where duties justify the use of an allowance, at the discretion of the Parish Council.
- Recommend this whole process be reviewed every four years from now so that it doesn't coincide with the borough timetable review.

The Panel made no recommendations for changes to allowances for ordinary councillors, travel and subsistence allowances or for the categories of approved duties.

In reaching its decision, the Panel had regard to relevant legislation and government guidance and the information provided by parishes in a survey conducted early in summer.

If your parish council does not, in fact, provide for the payment of councillors' allowances, no further action will be required. However, where your parish council proposes to pay allowances it must have regard to the recommendations of the Panel.

The Regulations also require parishes to make a copy of the Panel's recommendations available for inspection by members of the public on reasonable notice and, if requested, to send a copy to any person upon payment of a reasonable fee. In addition, parishes must, as soon as reasonably practicable, publish a notice about these recommendations in a conspicuous place within the area, for a period of at least 14 days. There are additional requirements on parishes to keep a record of allowances paid to individual councillors, to make these available to the public and to publish annual totals.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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