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Dear Councillor

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at the meeting of the **DOVER JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD** on Thursday 16 April 2015 at 6.00 pm, the following emails responses relating to the report which the Chairman, Councillor N J Collor, has asked be circulated to members of the Board.

5 **PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF TURNING MOVEMENTS - FELDERLAND LANE, WORTH** (Pages 2 - 4)

To consider the attached report of the Head of Transportation, Kent County Council.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Nicky", written over a horizontal line.

Chief Executive

Email from Councillor N S Kenton (Dover District Council)

From: Nick Kenton

Date: 26 February 2015 12:32:40 GMT

To: "tro@kent.gov.uk"

Subject: Felderland lane

I would like to object to the proposed changes to traffic movements in Felderland lane on the following grounds;

The lane has only recently had a reduced speed limit introduced which I support. This should be given longer to embed and be enforced before any further changes are considered. From the speed watch results Eastry parish council have seen, speed is already reduced.

There is insufficient accident data to warrant a turning restriction.

Our farm business located within the lane, uses the lane as an essential artery, while farming land both Eastry end of the lane and in Sandwich, Worth village, Mill lane, and on the Deal road. To restrict farm movements into the lane would result in farm traffic clogging up the Deal road and A256 all the way to the other end of Felderland lane with little chance of overtaking, and visa versa.

We also direct sell to many people from our farmyard and these restrictions may effect our farm business.

Felderland lane is a public right of way and should not be restricted lightly. As a land owner I know the lengths we have to go to in keeping our rights of way open and Felderland lane should stay open to all traffic.

If any restrictions are considered, agricultural vehicles should be excluded.

Nicholas Kenton

S W Kenton

Sent from my iPad

Email from Sarah Wells Clerk to Eastry Parish Council

From: Eastry Parish Council

To: "tro@kent.gov.uk"

Cc: Councillor Leyland Ridings

Sent: Monday, 9 February 2015, 13:54

Subject: PROHIBITION OF TURNING - FELDERLAND LANE WORTH

Eastry Parish Council objected to this proposal on following grounds:-

This will move vehicles that currently use Felderland Lane to and from Deal onto the A258 – A256 route. This route is already extremely congested at peak periods and additional vehicle numbers will exacerbate the problem.

Concerns that it will make the Felderland Lane, A258 junction dangerous as traffic travelling from Deal will go up to the roundabout and come back, (or do a u-turn into the lay-by in front of the houses. This is more likely at peak times when trying to avoid the congestion at the roundabouts) and then turn right into Felderland Lane, crossing the oncoming traffic which will no longer be slowed down by those turning left into Felderland Lane.

The U-turn in the lay-by could also be an option for those wishing to go to Deal avoiding the roundabouts. Speeding on the A258 at this point is already a problem, vehicles slowing down to turn left into Felderland Lane currently slow this traffic intermittently.

Finally who is going to police this junction, as part of the problems experienced in Felderland Lane at the moment that has lead to this proposal is that the speed limit and width restrictions are not policed, is this turning ban going to be any different.

Sarah Wells

Clerk to Eastry Parish Council

Email from Sarah Wells Clerk to Eastry Parish Council

From: Eastry Parish Council

Date: 14 April 2015 13:24:22 BST

To: Councillor N J Collor, Councillor S C Manion

Subject: DJTB - PROHIBITION OF TURNING - FELDERLAND LANE WORTH

Reply-To: Eastry Parish Council

Dear Cllr Collor,

The members of Eastry Parish Council are very concerned that the report to the DJTB does not mention the fact that Eastry Parish Council Objects to this proposal. Half of Felderland Lane is situated Eastry Parish and it is felt that their views should be taken into account, see the email I sent objecting the the proposal.

In addition to the points made in my original email, there are two other issues the members would like to raise having seen a copy of the report provided by Cllr Manion, please be advised that this report was not put up on the DDC website until this morning (14-4-15) when I phoned DDC asking why it had not been published.

1) The last traffic count was undertaken in 2010 before the introduction of the 30mph speed limit. Therefore there is no objective evidence on which to base this proposal. The report states

(1.5) There have been some personal injury crashes in the lane although there is no pattern to these, and there have **been none in the past three years**. There have also been several damage-only incidents reported by local residents. Due to the low numbers of personal injury crashes, the intervention criteria set by KCC has not been achieved, and therefore measures such as traffic calming have not been considered.

Could this mean that the reduction in the speed limit has already had a positive impact on the traffic flows along the lane?

The report also states that the lane does not meet the criteria set down by KHS for traffic calming, this proposal is based purely on anecdotal evidence and residents perception.

There are many roads with similar problems throughout the district, is it going to become standard practice to introduce turning prohibition orders if local residents are willing to raise the funds and support can be obtained from a Local MP and County member. I would suggest these three criteria could easily be met in the vast majority of cases.

2) The report gives the impression that the alternative route A256 Eastry Bypass and A258 Deal Road is a traffic free mecca, easily navigated, quicker route, this is not the case during peak times, when this route is severely congested with traffic queuing along the A256 bypass as far back at the Eastry turn off and between the A256 roundabout back to the A258 Deal Road roundabout.

Because of this the comments re the using of the Links Farm lay-by as a U-turn should not be so readily dismissed.

The members would be grateful if you could take these comments into account when considering this proposal.

Sarah Wells
Clerk to Eastry Parish Council