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Dear Resident,

Re: Pride in Our Community – Hollies Road Highways Investment Scheme

I am writing with regards to the recent £600,000 investment into the roads and footpaths along Hollies Road and the surrounding side roads, secured by your local ward member Cllr Graham Cook. I hope you will agree that this substantial investment has delivered a major improvement to the roads and footpaths in this area.

Local residents have raised a number of similar questions and I wanted to provide you with our response:

How long will the new road surface last for? – the main road surface material is called 'Hot Rolled Asphalt' which is one of the most durable and long lasting road surfacing materials available. It provides a lifespan of 20-30 years and whilst initially higher in cost it provides us with better value due to its durability. Beneath this main surface is recycled existing tar bound material mixed with concrete. This minimises waste on site, thereby reducing cost, but the material also strengthens over time.

Can you tell us about the type of speed humps and concerns regarding speeding traffic? – The speed cushions conform to current regulations in terms of their width and height and have been used in many locations across Telford. These types of cushions are preferred as they do not cause problems for emergency vehicles but are effective in reducing speeds. We will shortly be arranging for white road markings to be painted around the cushions to make them more visible particularly at night. We will continue to review the speeds along this route and collect data to determine whether any future traffic calming measures may be required.

What can you do about Taxis using the Parking Bays? – Legally there is nothing which restricts certain vehicles utilising these spaces on the adopted highway. However, the councils' Licensing Department is sending a communication out to all local taxi companies asking them to instruct their drivers to avoid doing so wherever possible and to have due regard to local residents.

I hope this answers some of the questions that have been raised since the improvement works have been completed. This is a significant investment which has been welcomed by many local residents and will ensure the roads and footpaths in this area are safe and durable for many years to come.

Yours sincerely

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