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Dear Mr Freel

### Road Issues raised at Stonehouse Community Council Meeting

Thank you for your letter dated 22 August 2017, and I comment as follows on the various points raised.

#### 1. Traffic Calming Chicane – Townhead Street

The Council has a responsibility to allocate resources in a responsible manner in order to achieve the greatest benefit to the wider community. This is done by prioritising potential schemes based on set criteria.

The Scottish Government, in 2009, set a target of reducing the number of road casualties by 2020. Based on the average number of casualties from 2004 to 2008, these targets are a 40% reduction in road deaths and a 55% reduction in serious injuries, with the equivalent targets for children being 50% for deaths and 65% for serious injuries. Casualty numbers in South Lanarkshire are currently on track to meet these targets; however, it is important not to become complacent. In order to maintain this trend, casualty reduction must continue to guide and direct the Council's Road Safety Improvement Programme.

The most effective way to maintain the downward trend in casualty numbers is to target locations with a history of injury accidents; otherwise we can anticipate that accidents will continue to occur at these locations. Locations requiring improvement are identified annually by undertaking proactive studies to identify either accident clusters where three or more injury accidents have occurred on the road network in the previous three years or where the number of accidents occurring along a specific route exceeds the national average. Currently there are a significant number of locations across South Lanarkshire. Given current resource levels we anticipate that we will be able to target approximately 5% of these locations annually.

Following your request an assessment has been undertaken of accident records maintained by Police Scotland for Townhead Street in the vicinity of the chicanes. This assessment indicates that there have been no reported injury accidents within the most recent three year period up to the end of July 2017.

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