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RE: Road surface and accidents at Canderside Toll

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Dear Mr Freel

Thank you for your enquiry of 10 January 2023 in connection with the above subject.

The most effective way to reduce casualties occurring from road accidents is to appropriately target those sites or routes with a history of recent injury accidents with similar contributory factors. Where engineering measures are under consideration, it is important to ensure that they can be proven to treat the root causes of those accidents that are still occurring on the network. Investing in the installation of engineering measures at other locations may prove counterproductive to our target of reducing road casualties across the whole of South Lanarkshire, as they would not treat the root causes of existing accident patterns, and the resources may be better used at locations where such a pattern has been identified.

To establish the priority locations for engineering measures, the Council annually identifies those locations where a statistically significant number of injury accidents has occurred for inclusion in our priority list. These comprise single sites or areas where three or more accidents have occurred in the past three years, or sections of classified road where the accident rate has exceeded the annual average for that type of road in the past three years.

Please be advised that attaining the above criteria does not imply automatic action by the Council. It means that the Council will investigate the accidents' contributory factors to determine whether engineering measures would prove beneficial. Often, there are no common contributory factors to the accidents, in which case it would be inappropriate to make significant investment in engineering measures. Even where common contributory factors have been identified, it may be the case that an education or enforcement solution is thought more appropriate than engineering measures. Such solutions may also be more appropriate to address issues that may cause concern at those locations not included within the priority list.

As a result of your enquiry and us being made aware of an incident that took place on 7 January 2023, we have undertaken an assessment of accident records maintained by Police Scotland for the roundabout for the three years to the end of November 2022. This has revealed that there have been four recorded injury accidents (all of slight severity) at this location within this period. Of these, two accidents have a commonality in that they involved vehicles losing control while exiting the roundabout onto the A71 towards Stonehouse during wet conditions. Although we have not yet received accident data from the Police for December 2022 / January 2023, we have noted the accident that occurred on 7 January 2023 appears to have occurred in similar conditions.

Since receipt of your enquiry, we have liaised with Police Scotland who informed us that they have been called to this location on 4 occasions since 26 December 2022. On all of these occasions it was observed that the surface of the roadway appeared 'greasy' and was described as 'slippy' by the motorists involved. This suggests that there has been another factor, such as a spillage of some description, other than a wet road surface.

Notwithstanding this, please note that it is our intention to provide anti-skid surfacing on the westbound A71 exit from the roundabout which will reduce the likelihood of drivers losing control at this location during wet conditions.

These works are currently scheduled for March 2023, although it should be noted that this type of work is weather-dependent.

Additionally, once the Police injury accident data becomes available for the period covering recent incidents, this will inform a further review and assist identifying whether any road marking and sign alterations are justified. Should further minor works be identified, please note these will be undertaken within similar timescales to the works outlined above.

Regrettably, it is not always possible to accommodate meeting requests. This is due to various factors, which include the volume of enquiries that we receive, and also their nature. In this instance, we have considered the enquiry and any meeting would not result in our position altering. Notwithstanding, this area will continue to be monitored following the proposed works and additional measures will be considered if necessary.

I trust the above information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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Subject: Road surface and accidents at Canderside Toll

Dear Mr Park

I write on behalf of Stonehouse community council regarding the above subject and seek to set up a meeting with yourself, your appointed roads officers and members of the committee of Stonehouse community council. We are prepared to come to your Hamilton office or to meet at Stonehouse Lifestyles at a time suitable to yourself. If you can provide a range of dates we will get back to you.

We are concerned at the number of reported and non reported accidents that have happened at this location over the past 2-3 years and the subsequent attempts to carry out repairs and mitigate water flow from the adjacent field. A planned resurface with anti skid material was planned for January and then cancelled and in light of the accident that occurred on Saturday we would like to establish what measures are being taken to reduce accidents at this location.

We have sought the number of reported accidents from Police Scotland to establish the total number of reported accidents over the last 2-3 years.

I trust that you will be able to accommodate meeting with the Community Council in the coming week(s).

Robert Freel

Secretary

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