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Dear Councillor Humby,

Re: Kings Barton Development

I am writing to you as Chair of the Kings Barton Forum regarding the Kings Barton Development.

You will know of the above development which has planning permission to deliver 2000 new homes, new school, local centre, and community facilities. Currently there are around 250 occupations and over 500 people living on the development. The second phase, comprising 250 dwellings will be consented in the next month, bringing more people to the area.

At the last Forum meeting on 20th October 2020 we heard from the Kings Barton Residents Association about a number of on-going highway safety concerns related with this development. The residents association are presenting a petition to your Council Committee on 3rd December 2020 and the Kings Barton Forum members agreed to fully endorse and support the petition which calls for a traffic light controlled crossing on the ridge line on Andover Road. As you are aware, the Barton Farm Academy School is now open – the school can be directly accessed from Andover Road along the 'Ridge path' right of way. Children from Harestock attend the school and are crossing Andover Road at the Ridge, where the need for a crossing has been noted.

The Forum also agreed to urge Hampshire County Council to progress the following highway safety measures for the benefit of the King Barton residents and the wider community. These are:

- A traffic light controlled crossing on Andover Road on the ridge.

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- A traffic light controlled crossing Worthy Lane near to Courtney Road to serve the children attending the Barton Farm Academy from that locale.
- Appropriate surfacing of footpath links to the Academy. Road. The ridge footpath is unsealed, indeed it is unsurfaced. Unfortunately, when the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government granted consent for the Barton Farm development, he placed no obligation on the developer to improve the surfacing of the ridge path – a route which currently provides a key access to the school and will be a major artery route into and out of the development. We are seeking agreement from HCC Highways to use some of the highways improvement monies already paid by the developer to surface this right of way.

These matters were also raised at the City Councils full Council meeting on 4th November, following a question from Cllr Weir. Cllr Jackie Porter, the Cabinet Member for Built Environment (who is a member of the Kings Barton Forum) and Hampshire County Councilor has endorsed this call for action by Hampshire County Council as the Highway Authority – I have had sight of a letter from the Hampshire Council Leader, Councilor Mans promising action on improving Andover Road; I look forward to seeing detailed proposals resulting.

Cllr Porter called for a delivery board to be set up by Hampshire County Council on major projects- we are pleased that officers from the Highways team have now set this up and we look forward to working with them.

I would welcome an opportunity to meet you to discuss progressing these matters and how the City Council could support you in that process. I am sure you will agree with me that it is essential that the development provides safe and accessible routes for all pedestrians using the local facilities.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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