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**16<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Dear Rachel,

## **Broadcommon Road – Pre-Application Traffic and Highways Study**

Following my e-mail of 13<sup>th</sup> June, I can now respond in more detail to your letter of 11<sup>th</sup> June requesting that Hurst Village Society (HVS) fund the engagement of a Highways consultant to undertake “an alternative feasibility study to be undertaken and an expert report produced”.

You suggest that such a report would be used to challenge “the applicants transport report” which will attempt to “justify this narrow lane is capable of coping with the additional traffic the development will produce”. I agree with your view that Traffic and Road Safety will form a significant part of this application, which is of course why I raised the issue with the representative from Rural Solutions after their presentation at the recent Meeting of Hurst Parish Council meeting but so will a number of other highly contentious matters.

I have circulated your request to members of the HVS committee and we are of the opinion that it is too premature, when we have not yet seen what we believe, from the presentation by Rural Solutions, will initially be an application for Outline Planning Permission, to commission our own study on what will be a mandatory part of that application regarding Traffic, Transport and Road Safety issues, but as I have already commented will only form one part of their development proposals.

As such their comments on this very important matter and any proposals, or indeed any proposed changes to the road layout by way of mitigation will be examined in detail by the Planning Authority's own transport experts who have a duty to report their findings and make their recommendations as part of the decision report as to the whole Application. In the past our aim when commissioning expert opinions is to fill any gaps in the developers Design and Access Statement and or any reports produced by the Planning Authority or in relation to potentially contentious scientific or technical facts or interpretations. This is not the case here and at this stage we have confidence in the Planning Authority's experts to properly respond to this matter.

PHAG remains to me and a number of other members of HVS and local residents as an anonymous body who despite numerous requests from me to meet with you,

and discuss what I am assuming are joint interests, have brought no response and indeed Rachel here I am writing to you again whilst still not knowing your surname.

I mention this because as a committee we would need to be able to justify to our members how we have utilised their valuable funds, particularly if the request to spend that money was seen to be from an anonymous action group such as yourselves.

I hope therefore that you understand HVS's reasons for not agreeing with your request on this occasion and I really look forward to a positive response on my suggestion to meet with you and any other representatives of PHAG.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Newbold,  
Chairman, Hurst Village Society