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FAQs regarding Proposals under HCC's Community-Funded Initiative For Consultation with local residents in Aug/Sept 2018

Why can't more substantial measures be included like 'build-outs'?

RCPC has very limited powers regarding roads. In the face of cuts to its own funding, this Initiative was developed by Hampshire County Council (HCC) to allow local communities to fund straightforward, minor traffic management measures within a limited framework. An HCC Traffic Engineer has advised on what measures are possible and/or feasible and HCC's Safety Audit Team has approved the final proposals.

Why have these 2 roads been identified for works and not others?

With help from volunteers, Rowlands Castle Parish Council (RCPC) conducted a Traffic Survey in 2016. It used the resulting recommendations to prioritise spending under this Initiative. The stretch of Manor Lodge Road in question is regularly used by children and their parents/guardians walking to and from St John's Primary School. The rural nature of Finchdean Road, with housing only on one side, necessitated the improvement of lining and signage to alert drivers to the fact they were entering a residential area, particularly given the sharp bend at the southern end. In future, RCPC hopes other roads can be considered for works under the Initiative, providing additional funding allows.

What it going to cost and where's the money coming from for the works?

The works are estimated to cost c £13,000. RCPC substantially increased its precept from local council tax payers for 2017-18, in part to pay for these works. It kept the precept at a similar level for 2018-19 to provide additional funding for the works. The money is already allocated in RCPC's budget.

Will there be any ongoing costs once these works are completed?

The additional signage measures should be low maintenance unless they are significantly damaged eg by a collision. Once the lining works have been undertaken then re-lining will be required, probably every 3 to 5 years depending on usage. This will cost roughly the same amount as the original lining, depending on inflation, because whilst the lining is relatively cheap, the management of the road during the works is more costly.

When will the works be undertaken?

Once the consultation process has been completed and assessed, the timeframe for undertaking the works rests with HCC and its contractor(s).

What is white edge lining' and how does it help?

An example of such lining is available on Page 2 of this document. It can give the impression that the road is less wide than it is, which has a natural speed calming effect.

Will the existing Village-Entry signs be retained, particularly the decorative ones?

Yes, although some will need to be slightly relocated to allow for additional speed limit reminder signage to be installed as well.

Why can't railings be installed all the way along Manor Lodge Road from St John's Church to the junction with Mallard Road?

There is a balance to be struck between the width of the viable pavement (which in some places is below modern standards) to allow passage of double buggies, wheelchairs etc and the need for railings, which must be set back from the kerb a bit to allow for coach wing-mirrors etc. This means we can't have continuous railings because there must be break to

provide 'passing bays' for users approaching for each direction with, for example, double buggies.

Example of white edge lining:



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