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QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL Wednesday 11 November 2020

**1. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR CONNETT
Re: Tackling Holiday Hunger in Devon**

The second national lockdown, due to end on 2 December, is highly likely to add further burdens to hard pressed families across Devon.

Holiday hunger continues to be a major concern for families eligible for Free School Meals and those on reduced incomes through furlough, lost jobs or cut working hours.

How will the Cabinet tackle holiday hunger this Christmas and for school holidays until the end of Easter 2021?

REPLY BY COUNCILLOR HART

The Leader will reply verbally.

**2. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR CONNETT
Re: Speed Limit at Firs Park**

I am grateful to the Cabinet Member for Highways for attending the site visit to assess the request from residents to cut the speed limit at Firs Park on Bakers Hill. A new Traffic Order is needed to implement the agreed 40mph. Can the Cabinet Member confirm when the new Traffic Order will be progressed, so residents can be kept informed?

REPLY BY COUNCILLOR HUGHES

The request to extend the speed limit and funding from the local members budget has been received by the Traffic Management Team. The Traffic Management Team currently have a full program of work for this financial year so work to progress the consultation on the proposed traffic order for a 40mph speed limit will begin next financial year. The team are currently assessing whether out-sourcing the works to our consultant WSP would significantly accelerate the work to make this a worthwhile option.

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3. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR CONNETT

Re: Limited Waiting Restriction - Junction of Dryfield and Main Road

Exminster Parish Council was surprised and disappointed to learn that Devon County Council is planning to revoke a limited waiting restriction on a short length of road at the junction of Dryfield and Main Road in the village. The parish council and I, as the local county councillor, have asked what the reason is for the proposal, who was consulted and if it can be stopped. I would be grateful for the Cabinet Member's response.

REPLY BY COUNCILLOR HUGHES

The proposal to amend the restriction in Exminster has been proposed as part of a county wide order to resolve discrepancies between what is marked on the ground and what is detailed within the traffic regulation order. Our records suggest that the bay in Exminster has not been enacted for some time and therefore it was assumed that any parking was not abiding to the maximum stay. As this had not been raised as a concern it was proposed to maintain the uncontrolled parking that was in operation, and remove the sign.

The local member will be aware that any final decision on a traffic regulation is made after the consultation period has ended, and as the parish council and local member have submitted formal objections to the proposal, the final decision on this will now be presented to a future meeting of the Teignbridge Highways and Traffic Orders Committee.

As this is a county wide order containing 51 sites across Devon it was considered that it was more suitable to consult the Cabinet Member for Highway Management, as permitted by the Council's constitution. This decision was made as the proposed changes to the traffic order aimed to match the status quo and were not considered significant. However, as you are aware, I am unhappy with the lack of local member consultation and have asked the service to improve on this for the future.