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Sent: 15 December 2023 13:16
To: David Parsons
Cc: Garry Wall
Subject: Community Highway Scheme Moderation - HGV Ban - Lewes Road, Lindfield.

Good afternoon, David,

I am writing to confirm that your request to introduce an HGV ban at the above location has now been moderated by a panel of senior officers. I regret to inform you that your application was not successful on this occasion.

West Sussex County Council develops its prioritised programme by considering all community requests against a pre-determined scoring matrix. The matrix assesses schemes against defined criteria such as: alignment with the West Sussex Transport Plan, deliverability, and adherence with Technical Standards/Policies. All assessments are moderated to ensure the criteria is applied consistently by officers and this approach ensures the County Council invests in the highest priority projects around the County.

Whilst I appreciate this is not the response you were hoping for, the moderated score for your proposal was not high enough to be considered something that should be progressed. There are concerns around the impact of rat running associated with HGVs looking for shortcuts and clearly very mixed views about the consequential impact of introducing such a restriction. There are also no recorded injury accidents within the proposed area associated specifically with HGV movements and these factors limited the scoring for the scheme.

We acknowledge that the PC were willing to fully fund such a scheme, but it's important that this alone does not mean that schemes showing low levels of benefit should still be delivered. Many of the other unsuccessful schemes indicated part or full funding and this is only one element of the scoring matrix to ensure a fair and balanced approach to all applicants.



I'm sorry that this is not something we can take forward and hope you can appreciate the rationale for the decision.

Regards

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