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FAO

Dear Simon Jones,

Firstly, to say thank you for the circulation of the above headed letter to residents, complete with described support to local communities going forward into the near future disruptive periods.

I am writing on behalf of my Capel le Ferne and Hougham ward communities who have suffered the brunt of traffic impacting on their residents and general well being over several years. Although you have outlined how KMRF manages traffic in our area with definitions and explanations of current traffic measures from our perspective it does not go far enough. We believe there are additional tools that can be applied within the current framework until national management levels are found and agreed.

The control of freight traffic driver behaviour has been sorely lacking over several years and one that has not been fully addressed. Although the introduction of the new permit system is welcomed, we believe it will not be fully effective unless supported by new digital signage/ manned traffic management control at Roundhill Tunnel and Dover Tap, coupled with the extension of CCTV coverage at Whitfield and other key traffic pinch points. Without the introduction of these additional management measures rogue drivers, who are well experienced in avoiding Brock, Tap and Roundhill controls will continue to do so to the continuing detrimental impact on local villages, communities, and businesses.

I have already raised my ward concerns directly with KCC Neil Baker, and now ask you to seriously consider the addition of these essential new tools to help manage the control of traffic more effectively at these key locations.

My ward communities have suffered enough, now is the time to take more positive measures which I believe are both realistic and achievable under a stepped method approach before a national level solution is found. Small continuous improvement steps.

I look forward to a positive reply and a constructive outcome going forward.

Best regards,

Cllr Martin Hibbert Alkham, Capel le Ferne & Hougham Without Ward.