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To:
Subject: CANS Update to Parish Councils bordering A272/A32

Dear Chair/Clerk,

Please accept my apologies if there is duplication of this message as some of you I know represent several councils. The distribution e-mail list is only as good as that provided by HCC so forgive me if you are not now in post. Perhaps you could forward this to the relevant Chair or clerk.

I attach a paper written by the CANS Steering Group which we are presenting to Hampshire County council on 5th December. We would appreciate feedback prior to the 5th if you feel inclined. The notes below summarise our activities over the past six months or so and explain the rationale over the selection of proposed sites for Average Speed Cameras. THIS e-mail ASKS FOR ACTION FROM YOU.

To summarise our activities over the past year:

We have met about 5 times as CANS and produced a set of proposals to reduce noise, police the speed limits, improve road safety. (see attached)

- Conducted a survey polling 300 residents.
- Met with over 10 local parish councils to ask for their backing.
- Researched and prepared a paper with executive summary, proposals and supporting information.
- We have a Facebook forum of over 130 members with a further 150 or so e-mail contact supporters.

we have had meetings with:

- George Hollingbery MP, Cllr Rob Humby & a representative of Damian Hinds MP.
- Michael Lane and the Chief Inspector of the Road Policing Unit.
- Supplier of Average Speed cameras (feasibility and cost out our proposals)
- Attended & presented at the Hampshire Rural Forum (held at Sparsholt College last week – subject Rural Harmony)

Future planning meetings:

We have agreement for:

- CANS to chair quarterly meetings over the next year with HCC and the Traffic Management team
- The first of these is on 5th December at HCC offices. (to include a Road Policing Unit member, a representative from George Hollingbery's office)

We are aware that Average Speed Cameras are not universally popular. However nor is the noise and speed of motorbikes and some other road users. With scarce police resources and an inability, given current technology, to catch offenders we have concluded that permanent speed enforcement measures are the primary way of making these roads less attractive to the law-breaking recreational biker or motorist. Thereby improving roads safety and reducing the impact of noise and speed along these rural roads and through our villages.

You may ask why the proposal do not include possible sites (i.e. closer to key villages) We were advised that average speed cameras work best over reasonable distances. We selected the sites as they are all between 4 and 5 miles in length, have consistent speed limits (60/50) and are all on roads that feed (N,S,E, &W) into the West Meon hut & Loomies.

The objective as George Hollingbery has said, is to make the all the A roads less attractive to those who descend on this area for recreational biking intent on ignoring the law by speeding and creating excessive noise.

They are attracted by the longer stretches of open road and our poll of a few selected bikers is that ASCs would lead to a significant reduction in the number of bikers using all our roads. One declared it would "kill it dead". The aim is for Warnford not to need ASCs!.

We would ask that if the parish supports these objectives that your Chair write to Cllr Humby indicating your support for CANS before the meeting on 5th December.

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This e-mail has been sent to you because you gave us your e-mail at the meeting held in November 2017 at West Meon Village Hall. CANS (Communities Against Noise and Speed) was formed as a campaign group following this meeting. If you do not wish to be contacted about this organisation or receive e-mails on this subject then please e-mail me by return and you will be removed from the distribution list.