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Dear Councillor Pullen

RECEIPT OF PETITION – DANGEROUS JUNCTION EASTERN AVENUE / GRANGE LANE, LICHFIELD

I refer to the petition, signed by local residents regarding the dangerous junction at Eastern Avenue / Grange Lane, Lichfield. I can advise you that receipt of the petition will be reported to Cllr Mark Deaville, Cabinet Member for Commercial (including Highways & Transport).

The county council has carried out minor safety improvements to the junction in 2016, following several slight personal injury collisions in the preceding 3 year period. Following community concerns and representations made by the county councillor, a further review of the junction has been carried out by highway engineers to evaluate the operation of the junction and recommend potential options for improvement.

The report highlights three options: 1, 2 and 6, as meeting the requirements for reducing confusion and assisting in the smoother operation of the crossroads. All three options have pros and cons and the report does not recommend any one option above the others for consideration.

There has been £10,000 ear marked in the Integrated Transport programme for the 2018/19 financial year for potential minor improvements at the junction. In terms of funding, Option 6 is not currently financially viable as it would require a significant investment, potentially in the region of hundreds of thousands of pounds. This level of public expenditure is not justified on the recorded accident basis nor in terms of assisting or improving traffic flows at this location and would not meet the outcomes used to assess the inclusion of such schemes into the Integrated Transport programme.

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Options 1 and 2 may be within the available funding and once the report engineers have reported back on the indicative costs for all three options, Tim Heminsley will discuss this further with you.

Should you require further information regarding your petition please contact Tim Heminsley on 01543 510166.

Yours sincerely

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