## **Appendix 2 consultation letter**

To the Occupier



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Tel:

Our reference:

The Ridge crossing /InfoLet01

Your reference:

Monday 27th June 2016

Dear Occupier,

## The Ridge, Hastings - Proposed Puffin Crossing

East Sussex County Council has commissioned Amey to upgrade the existing zebra pedestrian crossing on The Ridge outside Sandown Primary School. I am writing to provide you with information about the proposal.

The upgrade of the existing zebra crossing to a "puffin" crossing, was one of the recommendations that came out of the recently completed 'Ridge Movement and Access Study' and funding has been allocated from the County Council's 2016/17 capital programme for local transport improvements to carry out design work on the scheme.

A plan showing the proposed layout of the crossing is included with this letter. The proposal requires the installation of new traffic and pedestrian signals, new road markings, relocation of the existing pedestrian guardrail, as well as alterations to the school vehicular access. More information explaining how the crossing would operate can be found in the enclosed leaflet.

A considerable amount of design work has already been carried out to identify how an upgraded pedestrian crossing can be accommodated within the constraints of the existing highway. A particular difficulty has been the number of existing driveways along this section of The Ridge. There is a safety risk to pedestrians if vehicles were to exit onto The Ridge from a driveway and turn immediately onto the new crossing facility. As I'm sure you will appreciate we also needed to ensure that the proposed new crossing is located as close to Sandown Primary School as possible where pupils and parents are most likely to use it.

The proposal has the support from your local councillors as well as Sandown Primary School. Subject to this consultation exercise with local residents, detailed design will then be carried out. In terms of constructing the crossing and the associated changes to the school accesses, we have considered carrying this out during either the February 2017 half term or at Easter. However as the works are anticipated to take between 4-6 weeks, the school has agreed that it would be better to have the works carried out during the Summer 2017 holidays when there will be reduced risk to those accessing the school as well as to minimise

disruption to parents and staff. The County Council's contractors will be in contact with you prior to any construction work taking place.

Finally, we are aware that the road markings around the existing zebra crossing are worn. As the construction date for the proposed new crossing is still some time away, the County Council, as an interim measure, intends to refresh the road markings in the near future to ensure that they are fully visible to all road users. These road markings will then be removed as part of the construction works for the new permanent pedestrian crossing.

I would be grateful for any comments you may have to the proposal by no later than **Friday** 15<sup>th</sup> July.

Should you have any questions on these proposals please do contact me on the details given below and I look forward to receiving your responses accordingly.

Yours sincerely
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