

CHURSTON, GALMPTON &amp; BROADSANDS

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To: Ian Jones, Highways Officer

Date: 18 October 2012

Dear Ian,

As discussed yesterday, I write following a unanimous resolution on Tuesday night of the Churston, Galmpton and Broadsands Community Partnership steering committee (which is progressing the Neighbourhood Plan for our area).

We are clear the road infrastructure in the roads bounded by the 3 bridges of Bridge, Bascombe and Copythorne Roads is not suitable for HGVs.

Following the road works on the Dartmouth Road there was a vehicle accident on Bascombe Road involving an HGV, when this route was used as an alternative.

Your advice has been that our original request for an HGV prohibition would be difficult to enforce. However, your alternative suggestion of considering white on blue advisory signs "Unsuitable for HGVs" is very welcome. Please could your department investigate this and come back to me.

I am aware one aspect is that these signs may need to be blacked out if the need for an emergency diversion due to an accident on the Dartmouth Road occurs. There is a precedent for this when the accident involving the gas tank occurred at Churston Farm Shop. In that case, the Police diverted traffic down an agricultural lane which would have otherwise been prohibited to normal motor vehicles.

The Community Partnership has a public meeting on 7 November. If I could put your response to the public meeting it would be appreciated.

With regards,

Adam

Adam Billings

Chairman

