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Outline Planning Application (Ref: O/20/89498) Statement Regarding Pedestrian Crossings on Burnetts Lane

I write in respect of the Outline Planning Application and specifically to address the matter of the pedestrian crossings on Burnetts Lane.

Historically, One Horton Heath committed to exploring the provision of multiple pedestrian crossings on Burnetts Lane in response to requests from stakeholders. It is however important to note that Hampshire County Council's (HCC) Highway Department did not identify these crossings as a necessary requirement for the One Horton Heath development to be acceptable from a road safety perspective.

To clarify, this refers specifically to the series of proposed crossings on Burnetts Lane near Lower Acre, and not the single crossing point/build-out south of Meadowsweet Way, which is a separate Section106 obligation. The Meadowsweet Way crossing remains a priority and will continue to be delivered as planned.

In response to stakeholder requests, One Horton Heath engaged engineers to design and propose four pedestrian crossings on Burnetts Lane. We applied to Hampshire County Council for a Section 278 agreement to implement the necessary highway changes. Both HCC Highways and an independent Stage 1/2 Road Safety Audit however raised significant concerns regarding the safety of all proposed crossings. Key issues cited included:

- A blind summit along the carriageway
- Inadequate carriageway alignment
- A lack of intervisibility
- Insufficient space for safe vehicle manoeuvring

The One Horton Heath Team have continued to liaise with all parties to resolve these issues however after nearly 2 years, it has not been possible to resolve this issue. Were the pedestrian crossings to be provided, they would require Departures from HCC Standards and / or Exceptions reports. There is no guarantee that HCC would agree to these, particularly as the crossings are not deemed necessary for road safety in the first instance.

One Horton Heath has committed significant time and resources in considering the feasibility of the requested pedestrian crossings on Burnetts Lane. These works have concluded that these crossings cannot be delivered in a manner that is considered safe and to HCC standards. As such the difficult decision has been taken not to pursue the pedestrian crossings further.

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While this decision was not made lightly, we must prioritise the safety of road users and adhere to the guidance of the relevant authorities. We appreciate the understanding of all stakeholders regarding this matter and remain committed to delivering other elements of the development safely and responsibly.

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