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Dear Mr Holland

INVESTIGATIONS OF 20MPH SPEED LIMITS AROUND SCHOOLS

I refer to the above subject and to the associated report to the Economic Development and Services Committee by the Director of Environmental Services, Moray Council.

As Roads Policing Inspector for the Moray area with a particular responsibility for Road Safety and Casualty Reduction, I welcome all efforts to improve safety on our roads.

From an engineering perspective, Road Safety can create huge financial implications and as a result our actions have to be balanced and proportionate and we must be careful to identify the most crucial road safety issues and act on them.

I've worked closely with Moray Council during the introduction of 20mph speed limits around schools in the area and am very supportive of the common sense approach that they have adopted in assessing risk before categorising Moray schools in relation to their need for 20mph limits.

The 20mph limits were intended to make areas around schools safer for those who walked or cycled to school and in terms of risk, Moray Council's categories clearly define the schools where the safety risk is the highest.

I am comfortable that circumstances have not changed since initial assessment and schools defined as 'low risk' with no proposed action remain in that category. Additionally, from a financial perspective, I'd prefer to see available funding allocated to areas and schemes that are currently higher risk in terms of safety.

To conclude, I do not currently support the motion that 20mph limits should be extended to all schools in Moray, although I do have a desire to explore alternative proposals and their benefits as highlighted in the report.

Yours sincerely

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