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Dear Executive Members,

Hill Brow Road pedestrian crossing

We are writing to you to express our deep concern about the location and design of the crossing that has been partially installed on Hill Brow Road to allow access from the new Cala Homes Development to Liss Infant and Junior Schools. The aim of the crossing, when included as a condition of the infrastructure required to grant planning permission, was to provide a safe walking route from the new development to the schools. We do not believe that the crossing as currently constructed provides a safe route – rather we believe that it makes walking to school more dangerous. Furthermore, we struggle to see how a crossing at that location could be made safe.

The crossing currently sits on the curve of a bend in the road, with extremely poor sightlines for both pedestrians and motorists (see map at the end of the letter). We have crossed at the location ourselves and it simply does not feel safe. We understand that sightlines meet the required standards – just. This does not mean that the location is acceptable, or safe crossing is achievable, rather it raises questions about the standards. We also consider that the partial installation, which posed a particular risk to partially sighted residents, is unacceptable.

This issue is of significant concern to many residents in Liss, particularly parents, and has been raised with us repeatedly since the crossing was been partially installed and the risk it poses became clear.

We want the crossing location to be moved to more suitable position on Hill Brow Road, as a minimum, and would prefer a formal crossing point if at all possible - for example a zebra or toucan crossing. If this is not done, we are concerned that it is a matter of when, not if, there will be a serious accident involving school children.

We request that to visit the site with us during the morning rush, so you are able to see for yourselves the unacceptable risk this crossing poses to both children and motorists in its current location and construction. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss and agree how we can deliver a crossing that meets the original objectives – to provide a safe walking route for children from the new development on Andlers Ash Road to the Liss schools.

We have sent a copy of this letter to Councillor Russell Oppenheimer, Tim Slaney, Director of Planning at the South Downs National Park and Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP and have published it on Liss Parish Council's website.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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Map showing position of newly installed crossing:

