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Dear Sir/Madam

RELOCATION OF PUFFIN CROSSING- THE STREET GREAT BARTON

West Suffolk Council has a statutory duty to monitor air quality throughout its area and declare special Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) where levels are breached.

The monitoring has shown that there is a short section of the A143 The Street, Gt Barton that has a high level of air pollution and is declared as an AQMA. This AQMA impacts the row of roadside cottages either side of and including the Post office.

Pollution is particularly high in this location as the cottages together with a wall and trees opposite form a 'canyon' effect which prevents the pollution from dispersing. Monitoring confirms that air quality improves considerably a few metres outside of this 'canyon'.

The current location of the pedestrian crossing also contributes to the reduced air quality as drivers naturally idle in and/or accelerate through. Idling and accelerating are the two activities that create the highest levels of emissions.

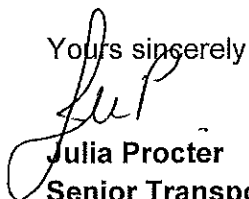
Due to a recent funding award West Suffolk Council, Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Highways will work together to move the pedestrian crossing. Please see the plan enclosed which shows the three locations suitable for the new Puffin Pedestrian Crossing, the plans consider vehicular accesses and street furniture.

We wish to seek your views on the position of the relocated crossing, and we ask that you complete the online survey found here <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/consultations-petitions-and-elections/consultations/>

The survey will be open until Wednesday June 19th 2019. If you wish to have a paper copy of the survey, please contact me using the details above.

There will also be a drop- in session on 11 June 2019 between 2-6pm at the Community Meeting Room, Village Hall.

Yours sincerely



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