Dear Cllr Oldfield

I am emailing you in your capacity as Chair of the Housing, Transport and Planning Committee.

I live in and am a frequent recreational user (walking, cycling and running) of Dappers Lane. Following the easing of lockdown and the increased building activity I have become very concerned about the traffic on Dappers Lane, particularly to the north of the current building developments:

- there has been a marked increase in traffic driving north and south, including vehicles passing the wrong way through the one-way signs under the A27
- this is making it both unpleasant and unsafe for local residents to access the Angmering Park Estate and the South Downs National Park.

My personal view is that Dappers Lane should be made a non-through road at the north end but am aware that this is not a perfect solution and that this might be difficult to achieve.

I know, from discussions with friends, neighbours and on the village Facebook group that my concerns are shared by a large number of people. I have set out below a summary of the responses to my post on the Angmering Village Facebook group. I am sure that you will be aware of this matter and the responses will be consistent with other views you have heard.

Would it be possible for this issue to be considered by the Housing, Transport and Planning Committee? I would be very happy to discuss with you or the Parish Clerk about how to take the matter forward and provide further information. I would also be very happy to attend the next Highways, Transport and Planning Committee meeting but would not be able to do so in person

I realise that this will not be an easy issue to resolve and that the influence of the Parish Council may be limited. I do think, though, that we need to find some way of making this important route into the South Downs National Park safe for recreational users.

Very brief summary of responses to my Angmering Village Facebook post of 29 July asking whether there is support for making Dappers Lane a no through road

32 'likes' or 'hearts', 52 comments

The vast majority of comments strongly in support of the need to address the issue of traffic with a range of proposals supported such as:

- no through road
- enforcing one way system (eg through cameras or one way ramps)
- path for walkers/school children

There were a small number of negative comments with a small but vocal minority advocating the road be properly opened up in both directions and even one comment saying that no road or lane should be used for recreational purposes.

Regards

