

Report to	Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment
Date	23 March 2009
Report By	Director of Transport and Environment
Title of Report	Petition requesting footway and traffic calming measures on the C120 Lullington/Litlington Road
Purpose of Report	To consider a petition requesting the introduction of a footway on the western side of the C120 Lullington/Litlington Road outside Great Meadow Barn between the car park and the existing footpath to Alfriston and to combine this with appropriate traffic calming measures for the road itself.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Lead Member is recommended to advise the petitioners that:

- 1. This location does not at present qualify for assessment as a potential site for traffic calming in accordance with the County Council's approved policy**
- 2. The request for a footpath be added to the list of schemes to be put forward for assessment for potential funding as part of the Integrated Transport Capital Programme.**

1. Financial Appraisal

1.1 There are no specific financial implications in respect of the recommendations detailed in this report.

2. Supporting Information

2.1 At the County Council meeting on 9 December 2008 Councillor Shing presented a petition to the Chairman which stated :*"We the undersigned demand that the County Council urgently addresses the significant road safety problems of the Lullington Road outside Great Meadow Barn, near Lullington, East Sussex by introducing a footway on the western side of the road between the car park and the existing footpath to Alfriston and combine this with appropriate traffic calming measures to the road itself. This will help to address the current problem where the combination of traffic speeds, pedestrians walking in the road and the blind corner in the road has caused a number of accidents and will, inevitably lead to a fatality one day"*

2.2 A copy of the petition is available in the Members' room. Standing Orders provide that where the Chairman considers it appropriate, petitions are considered by the relevant Committee or Lead Member and that a spokesperson for the petitioners be invited to address the Committee. The Chairman has referred this petition to the Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment.

2.3 The C120 is a rural minor road on the east side of the Cuckmere Valley. It serves the villages of Litlington and Lullington and connects to the main road network at Wilmington (A27) and Exceat (A259). It also connects to the C39 north of Alfriston and via the C724 through Milton Street to the A27 west of Wilmington. The C120 is within the South Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It also provides the route for the National Cycle Network National Route 2 from Alfriston to Exceat and Regional route 89 crosses the road as it follows the South Downs Way. The footpath from Alfriston to access the South Downs Way crosses the C120 in the vicinity of Great Meadow Barn. The crossing point is located on

a bend in the road. However, the crash record has been examined and there is no record of any traffic accidents involving personal injury at either Great Meadow Barn or the remainder of the C120 in the last three years.

3. Comments/Appraisal

3.1 The County Council's Traffic Calming Priority List includes 25 sites that have a record of traffic accidents involving personal injury. With a limited budget the County Council prioritises each site according to the results of a detailed road safety assessment to ensure that funding is focussed on addressing the most serious problems. The County Council receives between 20 to 30 requests for traffic calming each year. Only those sites that meet the County Council's prequalification criteria are added to the Traffic Calming Priority List. This criteria is met in circumstances where there has been at least one crash involving a vulnerable road user, or a personal injury accident score of four or more, based on the most recent three calendar years' crash record. Points are allocated on the basis of severity, with a fatal accident being awarded 3 points, serious 2 and slight 1.

3.2 It is recognised that the lack of a footpath at this site is an issue for pedestrians using the South Downs Way. Therefore, it is planned to add this site to the list of potential schemes for funding. However, the total value of all of the schemes currently being developed as part of the capital programme, together with new potential schemes that could be included in the programme, is far greater than the available funding. Therefore a balanced scorecard approach is used to assess and prioritise new schemes for inclusion for design/construction through the capital programme. The approach requires an assessment of the extent to which each transport scheme contributes to a range of criteria under each of the objectives of the second Local Transport Plan - improving safety, reducing congestion, improving accessibility, improving the quality of the environment, managing demand and the need to travel and maintaining the network. The approach ensures that we are maximising the use of the funding available in terms of achieving the Local Transport Plan objectives. As a result, only those schemes which meet a range of objectives are likely to be included in the approved programme. The Programme for 2009/10 will be considered under another item on the agenda.

4. Conclusion and Reason for Recommendation

4.1 The C120 is without doubt one of the most attractive roads in East Sussex retaining its rural character in spite of pressures of increasing traffic, particularly associated with the increase in tourism and leisure activity. However, the road does not meet the initial qualification criteria and should not be considered for traffic calming. It is recommended that the request for a footpath should be added to the list of schemes for potential funding as part of the capital programme for Integrated Transport Schemes. This programme is already over subscribed and only those schemes which contribute to a range of transport objectives are likely to be included in the approved programme.

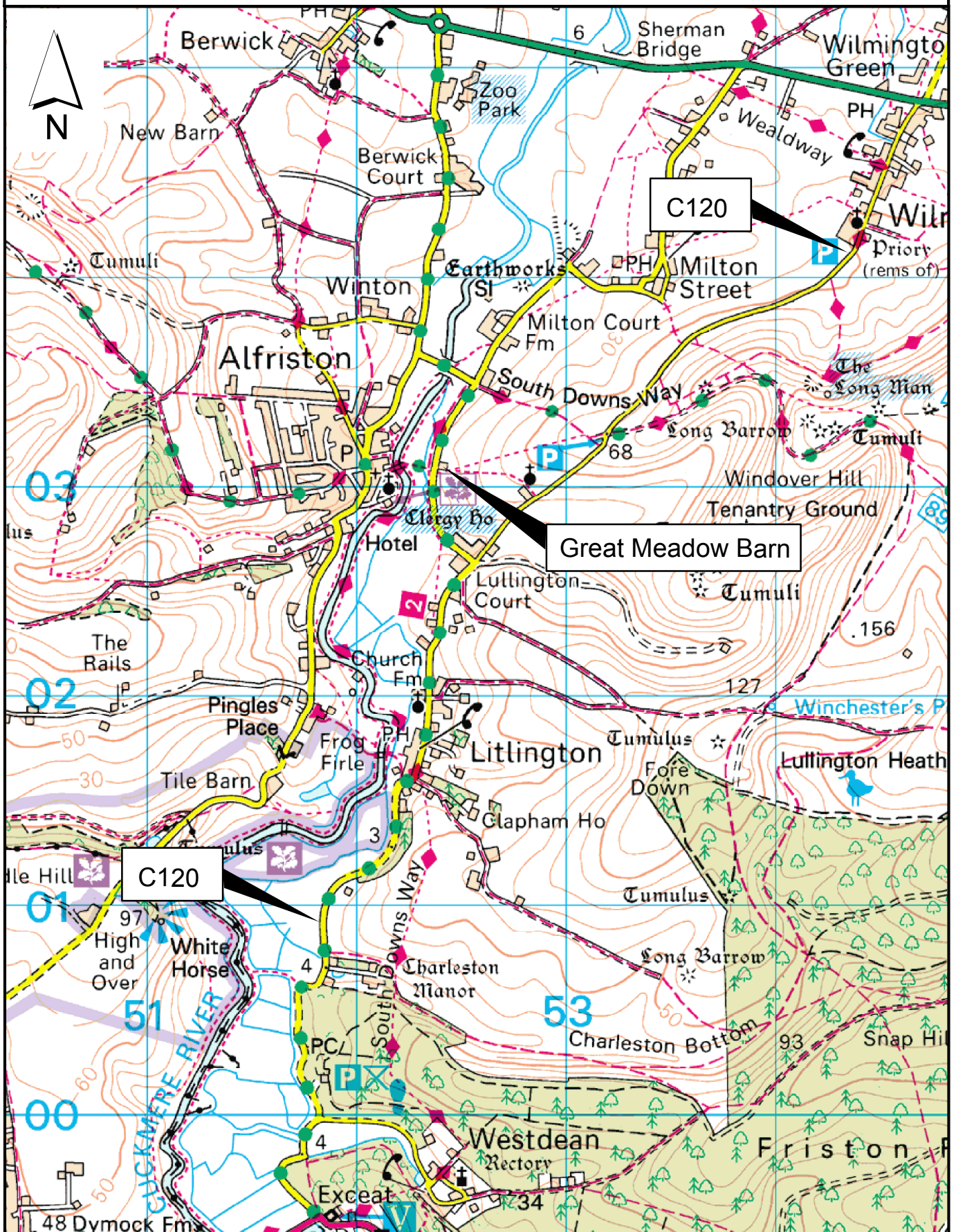
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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
Petition

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