

Report to: Lead Member for Transport and Environment

Date of meeting: 13 March 2023

By: Director of Communities, Economy, and Transport

Title: Petition to create a safe crossing on Sutton Avenue, Peacehaven to access South Coast Road and Dell Park.

Purpose: To consider whether formal crossings should be provided to improve crossing facilities and access for pedestrians to Dell Park and shops on South Coast Road, Peacehaven.

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

- (1) A potential scheme for improved pedestrian crossing facilities has been assessed through the approved High Level Sift process and is not a priority for the County Council at the present time; and
- (2) Petitioners may wish to consider taking a potential scheme forward through the Community Match Process. A Feasibility Study (at a cost of £500) and Speed data (at a cost of £422 per site) would be required prior to a Community Match application.

1 Background Information

1.1 At the County Council meeting on 6 December 2022 a petition on behalf of residents was presented to the Chairman by Councillor Robinson on behalf of Councillor Collier. The petition requests the creation of a safe pedestrian crossing on Sutton Avenue to access the South Coast Road and Dell Park, Peacehaven.

1.2 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 a spokesperson for the petitioners is invited to address the Committee or Lead Member. The Chairman has referred this petition to the Lead Member for Transport and Environment.

2 Supporting Information

2.1 The A259 South Coast Road at this point and Sutton Avenue are covered by a 30mph speed limit, as indicated by the system of street lighting present in both roads. There are several shops and facilities located on South Coast Road including, a chemist, newsagents, coffee shop, The Dell Recreation Ground and bus stops. Assisted living accommodation and residential properties are located on Sutton Avenue. A location plan is shown as Appendix 1.

2.2 The petitioners have not indicated where they feel a crossing would be of most benefit. On request the lead petitioner provided the following. *'The intention is for safer crossings in the vicinity of Sutton Avenue and the South Coast Road. We are asking ESCC to investigate and agree optimal locations for crossings to allow access to the shops of the South Coast Road and the park. The area concerned is Lincoln Avenue to Dorothy Avenue in which Sutton Avenue is in the middle. We are open to crossings East to West or North to South as long as there are adequate crossings in total to all these areas i.e., a new crossing across Sutton Avenue which allowed access to the shops as long as there are adequate crossings from the North side of the road to the South and therefore to the park'*

2.3 There are five pedestrian crossing points located in the area. These are in the form of four central islands, three of which have tactile paving in the centre and on the footway

either side. A signal-controlled crossing is provided on the A259, just to the east of the junction with Roderick Avenue. The position of these crossing points is shown in Appendix 1.

2.4 In recognition of the fact that pedestrians are less likely to use facilities that fall beyond a short walking distance, the sites considered for potential crossing facilities are shown on the plan in Appendix 3.

2.5 Crash data supplied by Sussex Police for the latest three-year period up to 31 December 2022 shows that there have been two crashes resulting in slight personal injuries on the A259 between Roderick Avenue and Hodder Avenue. These incidents did not involve pedestrians. The positions of these crashes are shown in Appendix 2.

2.6 The County Council has a limited amount of funding to develop local transport improvements and needs to ensure resources are targeted to those schemes which will be of greatest benefit to local communities. To help prioritise the numerous requests received for improvements, a process was developed to determine which schemes should be funded through the Integrated Transport Program.

2.7 The request for a pedestrian crossing on Sutton Avenue, just to the north of the newly constructed retirement apartments, has been assessed to determine if it might be a priority for future consideration; however, it did not achieve the benchmark score to be taken forward at this time.

2.8 A further request for a pedestrian crossing on the A259 between the roundabout junction with Sutton Avenue and Roderick Avenue has also been assessed to determine if it might be a priority for future consideration; however, it also did not achieve the benchmark score to be taken forward at this time.

2.9 Although the provision of a formal pedestrian crossing at either location is not currently a priority for the County Council, the petitioners may wish to contact Peacehaven Town Council to determine their interest in a community funded scheme through the Community Match Initiative. A feasibility study at a cost of £500 and speed data at a cost of £422 per site would be required prior to a Community Match application. The lead petitioner has informed East Sussex County Council that Peacehaven Town Council are conducting a consultation relating to this part of the A259 which includes access to the shops. A feasibility study through Community Match may therefore assist the Town Council develop its proposals.

3 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 It is recommended that the Petitioners be advised that the provision of formal pedestrian crossings in the vicinity of the roundabout at the A259 junction with Sutton Road, Peacehaven, is not a priority for the County Council at the present time. However, appropriate improvements could be considered should an alternative source of funding become available.

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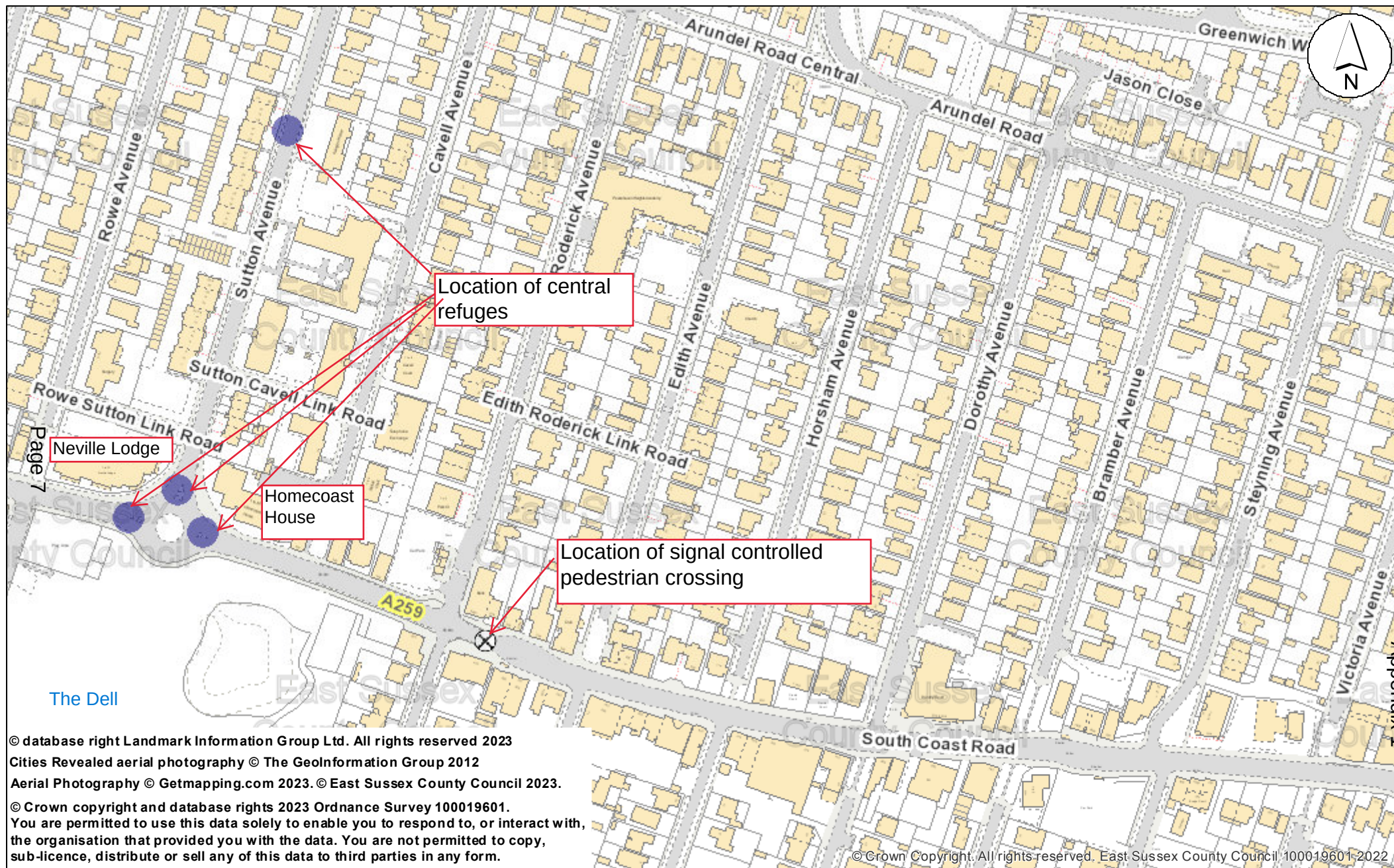
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LOCAL MEMBERS

Councillor Chris Collier

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None



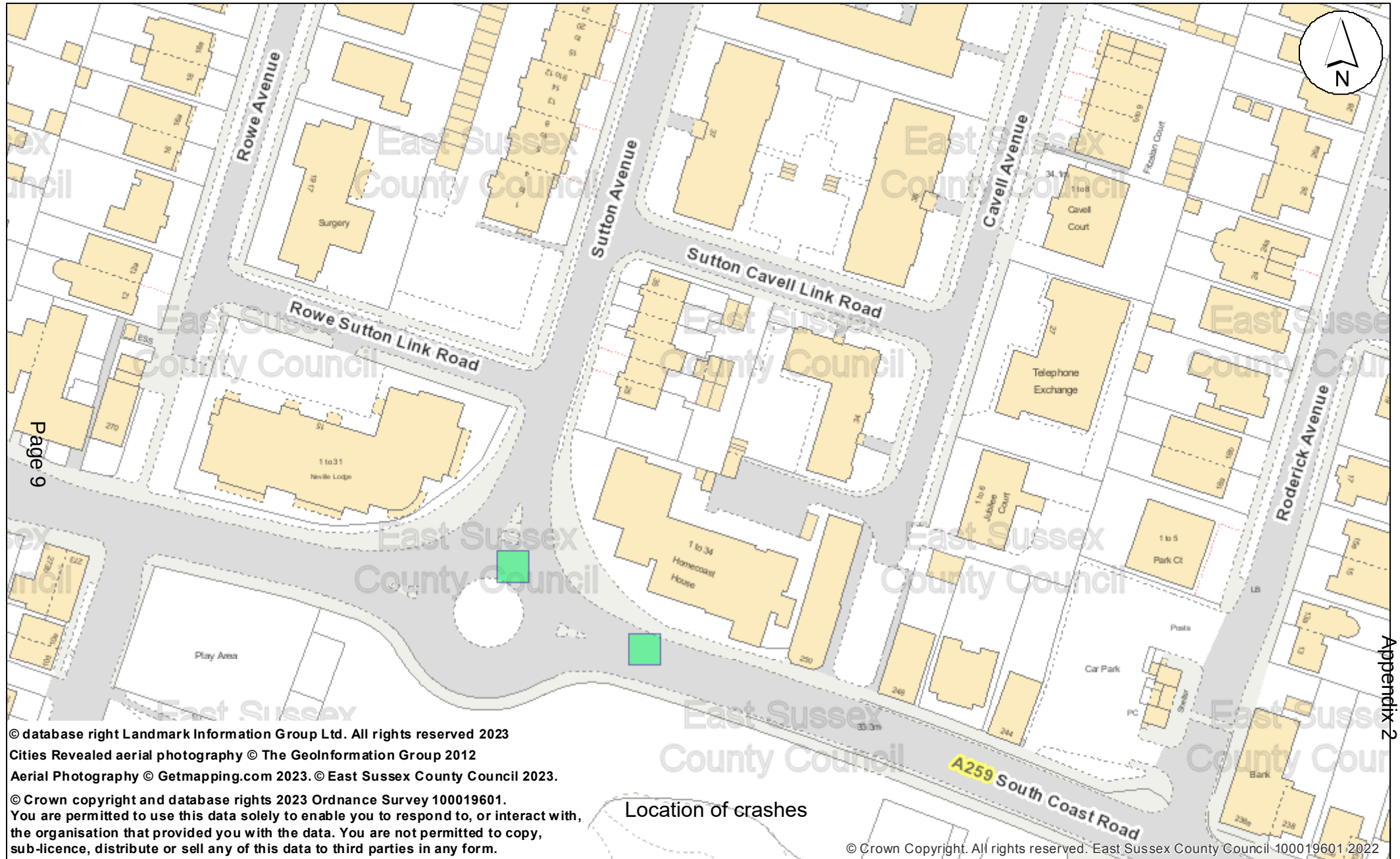
Map Appendix 1

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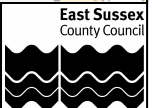


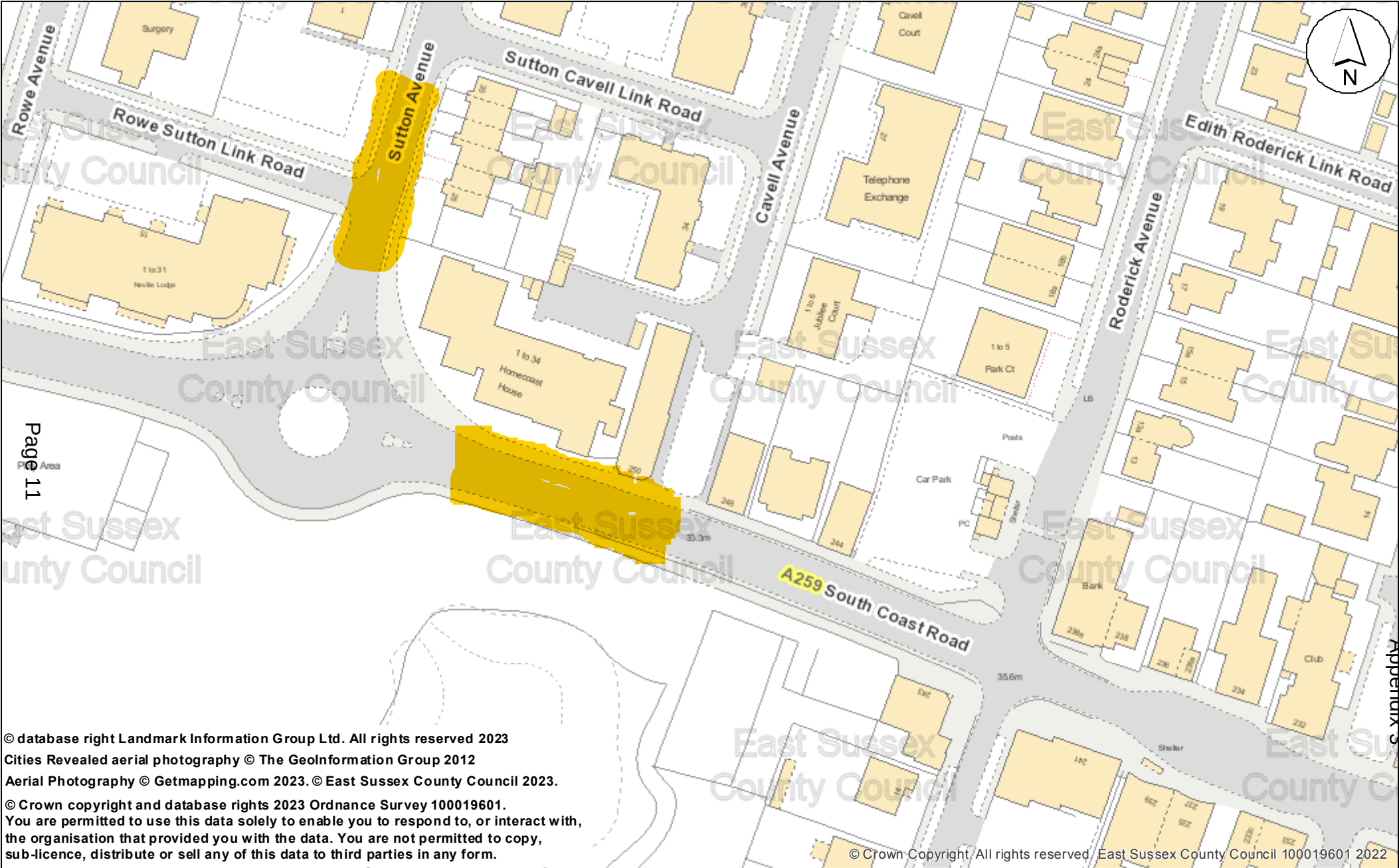
Map Appendix 2 - location of personal injury crashes 01/01/2019-31/12/2022

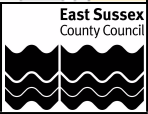
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Map Appendix 3 - rough locations of proposed crossings shaded in yellow		Scale: 1:1,000	
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Notes from the Public Safety Working Group

Held on Monday 28th September 2025

In attendance:

Vicky Onis, Cllr Ian Alexander, Cllr Paul Davies (teams), Lucy Symonds, Mike Gatti, Alec Horner, Cllr Sherral Wood, Cllr Mary Campbell,

Apologies from Steve O'Connell and PCSO Sterling

1. Anti social behaviour at the Meridian Centre

- VO reported that residents have made complaints re the lighting around the Meridian Centre, which is on when it is dark. Environmental protection has contacted Morrisons to ask them to rectify. VO will follow this up as this also affects the wildlife also and with nesting in the spring and the protected rare gulls nesting on the roof.
- VO made group aware of the deafening alarm that the managing agents have also installed. More than 1.20 decibels is illegal? Hopefully it won't go off again in the day but if it does, it will be followed up to investigate the decibel.
- It was suggested that we invite a representative from the Joff to our next meeting to discuss the safety of Joff users leaving the premises.

2. Parking around Junior Schools

- Good news that Meridian has now made an application for a Town Council Grant for little people and also Telscombe School has applied to Telscombe TC for a grant for the same.
- Not sure if the road safety assemblies/competition have started yet with SOC and the Schools.

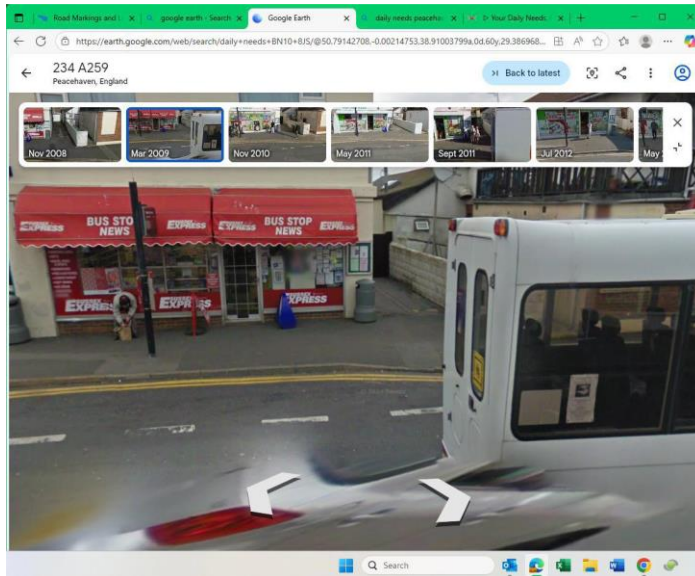
3. Pot Holes and other Hazards

- An attempt at resurfacing the pot holes at the bus stop (outside of the Daily needs) has been followed up as not completed. ESCC have advised that *the scope of the job raised by the Highway Steward was specifically to repair* a 5.6m x 2.5m section of the affected carriageway, rather than to resurface the entire bus stop.
 - The concern is that the work has started too far west as at the time the water board were fixing a water leak (VO did advise ESCC of this and requested resurfacing commerce once the leak work was resolved as the water board may have to dig further and destroy fresh tarmac) but either this message was not passed on or was ignored.
- It has been followed up to show that the scope of the job raised does not cover the whole of the damaged area, which is still a trip hazard for commuters who have to step out into the road to use the bus. VO advised that the room is complete and

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- VO has also queried the yellow lines that now have a break and according to Google Earth, these lines were once joined. Apparently, this will not be resolved. VO has raised a job on the ESCC highways portal sharing pictures of the once joined lines. But obviously, this cannot be done until the road surface is as it should be.

Before



Now



- Missing bolts in the speed bumps outside of Meridian School. VO has reported again on behalf of MG and has received this response.
 - response received that the inspector couldn't locate, so 'what 3 words' were sent. Further update received ***As this matter falls outside the scope of our reactive team's responsibilities, we follow a clear process for getting the repairs done. This includes gathering and reviewing quotations, carrying out internal checks and reviewing other options, before we're able to instruct the work to go ahead, if everything is agreed. This process typically takes a minimum of seven weeks. The start of work is then dependent on resource and network availability.***
- Ashington Gardens has been waiting for 2 years for resurfacing. Some potholes have now been filled but to an unacceptable standard. The area has not been cleaned up, leaving large chunks of tarmac all over which is flicking out and dangerous. VO to request clean up by ESCC Highways and PD will be speaking to ESCC about this.



- PD reported that he is going to be asking ESCC Highways to have a site visit in Peacehaven to have a walk around to inspect all the different highway concerns still pending.

4. Community Speedwatch

AH and 3 volunteers (IA and his wife and 1 volunteer who didn't return) have completed 6 sessions at 2 locations reported 10 vehicles. The body cam has been invaluable for cross-checking reg numbers and protecting the volunteers.

MC has received complaints of a white Audi regularly speeding along the long straight by Collingwood Close.

5. Mobile Speed indicators (Black Cat)

- IA gave an update that our application went to the first meeting and they have come back with a lot of questions as the amount of money we have asked for is 90% of what they have per quarter. Would we let others use it etc?. going back to the next top-level meeting, will find out after that.
- LS noted that although Community speed watch is possible it doesn't get true readings as vehicles slow down and just a snapshot of an hour at a time and can only be done in daylight hours.

6. Pedestrian Underpass

- Discussion re the pedestrian is not used as which is dark, intimidating, overgrown vegetation, and slippery surface due to wet leaves. Owned by housing, LDC and ESCC?. would be good to make this underpass a safer, inviting place to use just like the improvements made to Saltdean and Whitehawk's underpass.

7. Chalkers Rise/Pedestrian crossings

- MC reported road safety issues of speeding around Chalker's Rise, particularly Sky Lark Avenue. Residents want 10/20mph speed limits inside Chalker's Rise. Also, there is parking on pavements so pedestrians have to walk in the road with speeding cars. MC spoke of her report that went to Planning Committee on 16/9/25 – titled Chalker's rise estate which is noted as MC observations as a central ward councillor and the report was important for the development and its handover. PD has asked for a copy.

8. Express shops and mopeds.

Parking still up on the pavement at Tesco. Delivery drivers are still coming up on pavement at speed at Sainsbury's Express.

9. CCTV

- CCTV at the Big Park is now live. There are 2 cameras, picking up the car park and down to the skate park.
- We need the CCTV to be used, LS has emailed Inspector Adams asking for stats of the effectiveness of this. Recent Incident in the car park at Big Park, allegedly, 4/6 lads with balaclavas, apparently been reported to Police, so would like an update as it should have been picked up by CCTV.
- LS noted that 1) Should we be promoting what we do as a group and let residents know the good work we are doing and let residents know there are a team here to help. LS has spoken to Town Clerk for advice.
- Should we advertise the CCTV or will this then be a target for vandalism or wait for some time to see statistics. Should we be promoting what we do as a group.

- Long term phase of this would be to extend the CCTV to the south road and other parks in the Town.

10. Defibrillators

- VO updated that attempts are being made to move the defib location icon on the Peacehaven app to the home page for easy access.
- LS has spoken to Town Clerk about getting some first aid training in-house for the Community.

11. Safe Spaces

- LS reported that this was a very good app. But now is website based, but this can still be added to home screen of a mobile.
- LS & VO will get safe space info and visit some local businesses to ask them if they would be happy to provide a safe space.

12. Cycle path in Newhaven

- The cycle path down to Newhaven has finally been resurfaced, despite PTC being told for over a year ***Our Highway Steward has completed their inspection of the site and did note some areas of deterioration. While we acknowledge that the appearance of these is poor, they are not considered to be at the level where it is causing a safety issue, as such there are no plans to carry out maintenance work at this time***

before



after



13. Pedestrian crossings

- MC spoke of reports she has submitted to Planning Committee with regards to Chalker's rise issue, parking and pedestrian crossings and islands and a Pedestrian crossing TFG has now been set up to further progress the work. Discussion on ideas for location of crossings.

14. Road safety signs

A meeting date to soon be fixed with the Town clerk and Senior Parks officer and some members of the Planning Committee to discuss which signage we require and where it will be positioned. Potential dates for this have been sent out.

15. IDOX Grant

- LS will speak to the Projects officer re putting in an expression of interest for this Grant

16. Street lamps

LS looking into stats on crime now the lights are turned off at night and also concerns that the lights are dim and light up the road rather than the paths. The pavements in Peacehaven are in a terrible state and the elderly are having to walk in the roads.

17. Infiltration pond / lifesaving equipment

- Still waiting on outcome of the ROSPA report. The last update from BDW homes was on 4th August to say that the survey came back with some comments regarding remedial works and they have been in contact to get the basin inspected again and are awaiting a revised date.

The next meeting will be Monday 24th November 2025 at 10am.