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Good morning Matt,
I have been cc into your response to the most recent accident(s) on the Helmdon/Radstone road X roads.

The first accident this month involved a Helmdon resident and I was on scene within 6-8 mins. The car involved was not just damaged, it was a total "write off" I have a photo of the car, the front is completely destroyed. Major speed on the 40mph stretch must have been a factor.

The second RTC involving a motorcyclist was more serious, in that Air Ambo had to be deployed. Rumour Control has it that it may have turned fatal ??

I am working with Sarah Bool MP and one of our senior Unitary Councillors (Cllr Alison Eastwood) and residents of Helmdon/Radstone. Two things under consideration, traffic lights or a mini roundabout. Mini roundabout I understand comes at a large expense; however, considering the road into Helmdon has some of the most vulnerable people in the village on it - two infant schools, this plays a major part in our thinking. Sarah will start to talk with WNC and Highways.

A few months ago I was on the Welsh Lane junction with local police, we were discussing options. Approx 300m from the cross roads is a very large layby (grit store) owned by WNC, would it be possible to explore if one of your "speed vans" could make use of it?

Look forward to your reply.

Kind regards

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