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Ms Maria Caulfield House of Commons By email

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Dear Maria,

Member enquiry - Match funding for road projects

Thank you for your email of 28 January regarding Alfriston Parish Council's interest in commissioning a 'feasibility road study'. Our Community Match initiative is still in place and I have included a link below with the relevant details:

https://www.eastsussexhighways.com/our-services/community/match?topic=step-2---apply-for-a-feasibility-appraisal

Once a community has established a specific highway issue that they wish to address, the Parish Council can consider making an application for Community Match funding. Before they do this, they need to apply for a Feasibility Appraisal to be carried out at a fee of £500 plus VAT. This report will establish the viability of their proposal and provide an indication of scheme design and construction costs.

In respect of Alfriston Parish Council, however, before progressing with a Community Match application or commissioning a Feasibility Appraisal, they may wish to wait for the outcome of the current review that East Sussex Highways are carrying out on their 'Alfriston and Cuckmere Valley Traffic Management Proposal 2019', which they submitted to the County Council last October. This review will provide comments on the deliverability of each of the Parish Council's proposals and a high-level indication of costs will be provided. A Feasibility Appraisal would perform the same function.

It is intended to provide feedback on the report to the Parish Council and other community stakeholders in April 2020. At that stage, the Parish Council may wish to apply for Community Match funding for half the cost of the scheme, up to a maximum contribution of £50,000.

I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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