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Dear Parent / Guardian

Savings Exercise – School Crossing Patrollers

You may be aware that the council's funding position for 2010 / 2011 financial year is tight and an overall saving of around £17.5 million was required. This has resulted in difficult choices having to be made in order to preserve critical front line services. The removal of school crossing patrols from 30 sites was one of these decisions. This saving will provide £154,000 to protect front line services across South Lanarkshire. The removal of one of the patrollers may affect your child's journey to school and a list of the 30 locations is attached. These patrols will be removed after the Spring school holidays.

When considering this difficult decision it was borne in mind that there is no duty on the council to provide school crossing patrollers at any location, however South Lanarkshire Council has made the decision to provide patrollers and at present more than 200 sites are covered.

Patrollers are being removed from locations which fail to meet 30% of the current criteria the council uses to justify new patrol sites. This criteria is based on nationally approved guidelines and takes account of the volume of traffic on the road and the number of children crossing. It should also be borne in mind that in 1998 the council amended the national criteria to make it less onerous for sites to be approved. South Lanarkshire therefore appoints patrollers at locations that would not generally be approved by most other councils throughout the UK.

Before any patrol is removed a risk assessment will be undertaken at the location by an experienced road safety professional. This will ensure that the road can still be crossed safely provided that reasonable care is taken. This assessment will assume that children are accompanied by an adult if required. The ability of any child to cross the road safely will depend on traffic conditions at the crossing point and the child's road safety skills. Similar to the walking routes to school assessment the Council adopts, parents will therefore need to assess if their child is competent to cross the road safely and if not will need to accompany the child on the route to / from school.

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Yours Sincerely

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Location	% of Criteria
SANDY ROAD @ LANGSHAW CRESCENT, CARLUKE	13%
WILTON ROAD @ GLENAFEOCH ROAD, CARLUKE	21%
CLIMPY ROAD @ WHUPHILL, FORTH	10%
SMYLUM ROAD @ KENILWORTH ROAD, LANARK	24%
CLEGHORN ROAD @ BRAEDALE ROAD, LANARK	16%
SCHOOL ROAD @ BROOMPARK DRIVE, LESMAHAGOW	11%
TOWNHEAD STREET @ COLINHILL ROAD, STRATHAVEN	8%
OWEN AVENUE @ NETHERTON ROAD, EK	11%
ROCKHAMPTON AVENUE @ KIMBERLEY GARDENS, EK	17%
EASDALE @ MOUNT CAMERON PS, EK	1%
MOUNT CAMERON DRIVE SOUTH @ MOUNT CAMERON PRIMARY, EK	16%
GLEN MORISTON @ ST HILARY'S PS, EAST KILBRIDE	18%
KIRKTONHOLME ROAD @ LINDORES DRIVE, EK	0%
KIRKTONHOLME ROAD @ DRYBURGH HILL, EK	10%
STRATHFILLAN ROAD @ DOUGLASDALE, EK	21%
ALLOWAY ROAD @ MANNERING, EK	1%
BOSWORTH ROAD @ LONG CALDERWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL EK	20%
BACKMUIR DRIVE @ BRAEMAR STREET, BLANTYRE	20%
LOGAN STREET, BLANTYRE	1%
OLD GLASGOW ROAD @ PORTERS WELL, UDDINGSTON	20%
CADZOW STREET @ MUIR STREET, HAMILTON	4%
FLEMING WAY @ THORNHILL ROAD, HAMILTON	11%
WELLHALL ROAD @ ROYELLEN AVENUE, HAMILTON	20%
BURNBLEA STREET @ PORTLAND PLACE, HAMILTON	7%
SWISCOTT AVENUE @ WOODHEAD CRESCENT, HAMILTON	3%
WOODHEAD CRESCENT @ CARRON COURT, HAMILTON	6%
AVON ROAD @ CORONATION CRESCENT, LARKHALL	0%
KEIR HARDIE ROAD @ WILSON STREET, LARKHALL	4%
HAMILTON STREET @ DUKE STREET, LARKHALL	5%
KEIR HARDIE ROAD @ HOWARD STREET, LARKHALL	26%