



## Chideock Parish Council

Jonny Hill  
Route Manager  
National Highways

20<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Mr Hill

RE: LIGHTING AND REPAIRS TO ESCAPE LANE / WORK AT THE CHIMNEYS – CHIDEOCK

We have had an unfortunate incident occur halfway up the hill leading out of the village (A35), adjacent to and extending beyond the 40mph sign. A 70 year old motorist broke down in the night along this stretch of the A35 and became upset and disoriented because it is completely dark without any lighting; the lighting stops at the last house. Councillors believe there is potential for a fatal outcome should a car breakdown, as happened last week. In the incident above, one of our councillors was called out to assist the driver. We are writing to ask whether you would be able to arrange a proper inspection and look to install street lighting to extend up the hill at least to the top.

We are also writing with regard the emergency escape lane coming down into the village and need to notify you that the area has deteriorated further with the escape lane needing urgent repair. We would appreciate a rough estimate of when this work will be started.

We also note that the cutting back of hedge at 'Chimneys' has still not been started. We are obviously worried that this work will be delayed now because of the bird nesting season. Are you able to give us some dates when this work can be started.

Kind regards  
Yours sincerely  
Chideock Parish Council  
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