Good evening everyone. My name's Phil Sutton, and I'm chairman of the Highways Committee. We've called this meeting to ………….. members of the public about the new …………..for traffic and parking we're ………….. for Granford. I'll start by ………….. these changes before we ………….. the meeting to ……….

So, why do we need to make these changes to traffic systems in Granford? Well, we're very aware that traffic is becoming an …………..………. It's been especially ………….. with the increase in …………..while they've been building the new hospital. But it's the overall rise in the volume of traffic of all kinds that's concerning us. …………..there's not been any increase in traffic accidents, but that's not something we want to see happen, …………...

We recently carried out a survey of local residents, and their responses were interesting. People were very concerned about the lack of ………….. on some roads due to cars parked along the sides of the roads. We'd expected ………….. about the ………….. near the school when parents are …………..their children or ……… them ………, but this wasn't top of the list, and nor were noise and fumes from trucks and lorries, though they were mentioned by some people.

We think these new traffic regulations would make a lot of difference. But, we still have a long way to go. We've managed to keep our proposals within budget, just, so they can be covered by the Council. But, of course, it's no good ………….. new regulations if we don't have a way of making sure that everyone …………..them, and that's an area we're still working on with the help of representatives from the police force.

Ok, so this slide shows a map of the central area of Granford, with the High Street in the middle and School Road on the right. Now, we already have a set of traffic lights in the High Street at the junction with Station Road, but we're planning to have another set at the other end, at the School Road ………….., to ………….. the ……… of traffic along the High Street.

We've decided we definitely need a pedestrian crossing. We considered putting this on school Road, just outside the school, but in the end, we decided that could lead to a lot of traffic congestion, so we decided to ……… it on the High Street, crossing the road in front of the supermarket. That's a very busy area, so it should help things there.

We are proposing some changes to parking. ………….., parking isn't allowed on the High Street outside the library, but we are going to change that, and allow parking there, but not at the other end of the High Street near School Road.

There'll be a new “No Parking” sign on School Road, just by the entrance to the school, forbidding parking for 25 meters. This should improve visibility for drivers and ………….., especially on the ……… just to the north of the school.

…………..disabled drivers are ………….., at present they have parking outside the supermarket, but lorries also use those spaces, so we've got two new disabled parking spaces on the side road up towards the bank. It's not ……… but probably better than the …………...

We also plan to ……… the ………….. on school Road. We think we can manage to get an extra half-meter on the bend just before you get to the school, on the same side of the road.

Finally, we've introduced new restrictions on loading and unloading for the supermarket, so lorries will only be allowed to stop there before 8 am. That's the supermarket on School Road - We kept to the existing arrangements with the High Street supermarket.

Ok. So that’s about it, would anyone…