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EXPLANATION TO RESIDENTS OF USING COUNCIL TAX BANDS AS A METHOD OF CALCULATING VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

After discussions of various options by the Committee and residents, the Committee would like to propose that voluntary contributions are in future calculated based on the use of Council Tax bands.

All residents benefit from the road, its use by waste collection vehicles, emergency services and tradespeople, as well as family, friends and those residents with their own cars.

The Council Tax option was chosen as it was deemed the most feasible and manageable to run whilst starting to address the range of property sizes and frontages plus the differing deeds and obligations that residents have towards maintaining Derby Road.

The Committee considered what data it could realistically expect residents to provide. Whilst number of cars and number of residents in a property would be useful, there is no obligation for residents to provide this, plus it would need to be updated with every tenancy change/house sale.

Council Tax bands are already in the public domain and are easily accessible information. Calculating the actual frontage was also considered; however, it was felt that this would take considerable time to calculate and would result in the management of numerous different contributions. The Committee considered that Council Tax bands could be viewed as providing a crude link to frontage.

Under the proposed new system, most households will benefit from the changes: 111 households will pay less than now, 73 will pay the same and 37 will pay more. This could be seen as a more equitable way to request voluntary contributions.

The contribution of Queen Anne's School will be based on a flat rate of 31 households (the number used in previous years to calculate its contribution) set at the Band D rate given in the table below.

Council Tax band	Number of households	Annual contribution to DRF
A	1	£44
B	68	£51
C	42	£58
D	73	£65
E	11	£80
F	9	£94
G	17	£109