

BORDEN PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE ON WISES LANE DEVELOPMENT

February 2023

Following on from the Parish Council's Report on the 9th February, there have been 2 subsequent meetings, one with BDW and DHA Planning and the other the full Parish Council meeting.

To address the first meeting, the situation that had arisen from the HGVs using unsuitable local roads was discussed. Unfortunately, the road diversions were made by KCC Streetworks with no consultation to Borden Parish Council (BPC). BPC are taking this up with KCC Streetworks to ensure this doesn't happen again.

The HGVs that used Brisbane, Sydney Avenues and Cryalls Lane were not using the approved KCC diversion route which was to access the site from the A2 via Borden Lane, The Street and Wises Lane. Signs were subsequently put up by BDW in an attempt to stop contractors using Cryalls Lane and School Lane as short cuts. (Details of which can be found on our Facebook page and website at <https://www.bordenparishcouncil.gov.uk/>).

This is also not ideal and the fact that the Inspector/Secretary of State did not stipulate that an access route from Chestnut Street direct into the development should be made FIRST, means we are where we are.

Coinford did do a leaflet drop regarding the Wises Lane closure, but failed to deliver to Cherryfields, Grove Park Avenue and Maylem Gardens. We have reported this to BDW who have assured us they will talk to their Contractor for future events. Once again, the Parish was not consulted.

BDW have assured us that the lorries will continue to be monitored by themselves and Coinford. They deal with complaints, which should be directed to wiseslanedevelopment@dhaplanning.co.uk.

They have recently assured us that they will acknowledge all complaints and follow them up as soon as possible. Any further concerns please direct to the Parish Clerk.

They also assure us they are doing their best to not upset anyone, but work has to go ahead.

UKPN will be doing work in the Cryalls Lane field during April. The Chestnut Street roundabout construction is, we are told, to commence in June 2023.

The Show Home is planned to be opened between September – October. Once this is open the Sales Cabin will go.

Complaints were received from some residents regarding the security lighting going on and off through the night. We have been advised that this is due to theft and vandalism taking place and the Security Guards put on the lighting when they do their rounds. We fully understand security lighting going on and off must be disturbing for those of you who live opposite the site.

BDW also addressed the issue with the sign advertising staff vacancies with Coinford. They have reluctantly removed the sign, but told us that it was there as the development was meant to attract employment for local people.

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We were told the archaeological dig was still ongoing, but as yet had not unearthed anything remarkable.

We understand that Swale Enforcement Officers have been visiting the site but as no officers or planning officers were at the meeting this was not discussed.

The second meeting, Full Council agreed the following:-

- It was agreed that the Clerk would inform Building Relations, a PR Company, that after consideration the Council do not wish to take forward the proposals for a community partnership with BDW.
- The Reserved Matters application by Quinn for 2 rugby pitches and community/rugby hub – the Wises Lane Working Group had drafted 19 points to raise on this application and Full Council agreed for these to be submitted to Swale BC. You will be able to see these on the planning portal as soon as they are uploaded.
- The issue of the HGVs using inappropriate routes was discussed and it was agreed to work with BDW to stop HGVs using inappropriate routes.

If you have any comments/complaints please email BDW's planners at wiseslanedevelopment@dhaplanning.co.uk

Borden Parish Council
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