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From: Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council
Sent: 14 January 2021 07:51
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Straw lorries - follow up proposals

Good morning [REDACTED]

Thanks for your e-mail. I can confirm that the issues you have raised will be placed on the agenda for the Transport, Access and Environment Committee on 2nd February. I will let you know if the Committee will take these forward with Norfolk County Council at Highways in due course and regarding the Straw lorries, I will feedback to you as soon as I hear anything from the Highway Engineer.

Best regards,

Richard Bishop
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 January 2021 15:11
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Subject: Straw lorries - follow up proposals

Hi Richard

Thank you for replying so promptly to my email and for the positive response. Following on from the issues raised I would really like the possibility of a weight restriction for Watton Road raised and discussed at council level. Whitecross Road has one which facilitates the school/nursery and eases pedestrian access to the community facilities and the Town Centre along Beech Close. It also has a stretch of very narrow pavement and parts of the road only have pavement on one side - as at Watton Road.

Surely a similar case for limiting HGV access could be made for Watton Road.

I would like to see a proper traffic survey done of HGV usage of Watton Road in both directions and an investigation/discussion of why this route is being chosen over possible alternatives.

Also I would like to raise the question of the proposed second zebra crossing aligning with Oaklands and providing safe pedestrian access through the Merryweather estate. There is a safety railing on the Merryweather side of the road but any prospective entrance has been (privately?) fenced off. As the footpath is 72cm at its narrowest- pedestrian safety is being jeopardised by ordinary traffic let alone double length HGVs.

Please confirm that these two points can be raised at council:

1 Weight restriction for Watton Road

2 Construction of proposed Zebra Crossing in the vicinity of Oaklands linking with established footpaths in Merryweather.

Thank you

Best wishes





Site of proposed zebra crossing opposite Oaklands Watton Road



Pedestrian access from Oaklands onto Watton Road
Sent from my iPhone