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Dear Fellow Resident,

A week has passed since our initial letter. We wanted to provide you a further update and continue a ‘call for action’ from the residents.

- 1) Letters have been written to South Oxfordshire District Council, Thame Town Council and the highways agency. Although we have left the resident feedback to go through the normal channels, the intention of this additional note was to ensure that planning reviewees did not draw immediate conclusions that all is in line with the Thame Neighborhood plan and ‘auto-approve’. Much has changed since the TNP was drawn up in 2011, and the letter highlighted a particular issue with the ‘isolated’ retained agricultural land to the south of Hampden Gardens AND the agricultural vehicle access route as a result of this. The letter highlighted.
 - a) The Warren Mead entrance is already very hazardous due to HGV traffic particularly to Ludgates and now Howdens (right on the entrance). Additional traffic to Warren Mead just increases this hazard.
 - b) The crossroad to turn left into Hode Garth is also very hazardous. There has been many near misses and one accident rendered a taxi inoperable. This does not seem appropriate for large agricultural vehicles.
 - c) There are many young families on the Warren Mead / Hode Garth access route that gather and play at the front of their properties.
 - d) Double Crossroads – The end of Hode Garth is currently a T junction, this will become a crossroads and in fact there is a further crossroads just as you enter the new site.
 - e) ANOTHER crossroads is also on the route that farm vehicles will need to turn right to reach their field access.
 - f) NO access route is included for the farming of the field to the south of Hampden Gardens?

****Note**** For a copy of the letter, please contact us as above.

- 2) This has led to some interesting dialogue with Thame Town Council who are the most protective of the TNP. Their feedback to date has been very ‘black and white’ and to summarise some of their feedback.
 - a) Parks have been provided for young families to gather.
 - b) HGV traffic on Wenman road has REDUCED as Invictus Gym has changed from unrestricted rights of movement of HGVs
 - c) The crossroads is not seen as hazardous as accidents have not occurred that have resulted in injury.
 - d) Agricultural vehicles operate safely on the road network and have high cabs and 360 vision.

We asked for a formal meeting with Thame Town Council to discuss and they are reviewing dates / times.

******Call to Action******

- Real-life experiences - We have received photos from residents of the HGV activity and the damage to the estate as a result. It would be great if those on the front of the estate could begin to monitor HGV traffic and photos of HGV’s parked on the entrance with date and time would be perfect! – Please email or WhatsApp to the contacts above.
- If anyone has any other anecdotal evidence then please also email these in... for example, I have seen a tractor and trailer fully mount the pavement on Hode Garth to avoid 1 parked car!
- Remember to submit your feedback directly to SODC via the methods in their letter. A template completed by a resident is available on request. – DEADLINE 3rd April.

This may be the last ‘leaflet’ distribution of an update, thanks to all of those who have already reached out on email following the last letter, and if you have not done so, please use the contact details above to continue to receive electronic updates.

Kind Regards

Thame Park Estates’ Residents Association founding members.

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