Wises Lane Report – January 2023

The Marketing suite has now been installed in Wises Lane.

Our scheduled meetings with Barratts in December and January have been cancelled due to bad weather and lack of issues to discuss. It is hoped that these will continue in February.

An email was received at the beginning of November from the Chief Exec of Swale Borough Council asking for further justification for spending the Playstool S106 money on the construction of new toilets. A more detailed email setting out the arguments for this change was sent on 20 November but as yet no reply has been received.

There are two further planning application to be considered by Council this month.

As mentioned in earlier reports the existing website to provide information for local residents has been provided by the developers David Wilson Homes and can be found at www.Wiseslanedevelopment.co.uk.

Further archaeological investigation has started in Phase 1(a) on the 11^{th of} October. As yet there has been no indication as to any discoveries.

To repeat previous reports the start date for housebuilding in this Phase 1 continues to be put back because of the wet weather and is now scheduled for January/February 2023. With the first house being occupied in July 2023.

Work continues on earthworks and the provision of what is called "haulage roads" designed to access various parts of Phase 1 and the site compound. Wheel washing facilities for vehicles emerging from the site has been provided.

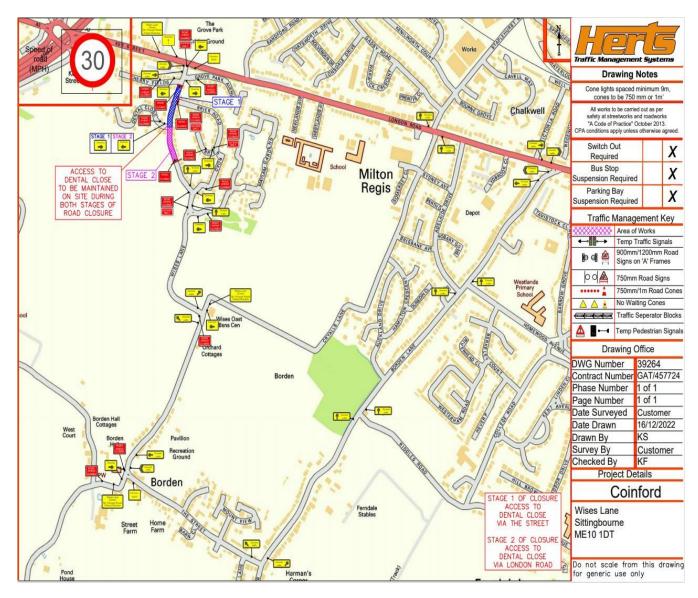
There has been no progress on the provision of the extension to footpath ZR121.

As reported last month residents in Wises Lane, Dental Close and Briar Road received letters from Coinford Construction Ltd regarding a road closure of Wises Lane beginning on the 31st January 2023 for 8 weeks followed by a further 10 weeks of traffic control temporary lights for new drainage and kerb realignment works.

I have been able to obtain the information below and the map enclosed from KCC Highways Streetworks about these works.

"Wises Lane will be closed for 8 weeks. Access for residents will be maintained by breaking the closure down into stages, those living along Grove Park Avenue and Cherry Fields should always have access from the A2, Brier Road has 2 entrances meaning during stage 1 residents will need to use the most southern point for access. In stage 2 residents along Brier Road will be able to gain access again from the A2, those living along Dental Close will be able to access from the southern approach during stage 1 and then via the A2 during stage 2.

For the rest of the works, they will be using a mixture of two-way and three-way lights depending on where they are in the road. This part of the works will start at Brier Road, past Dental Close and down to the roundabout at Maylam Gardens."



It is proposed that the above information, about the works in Wises Lane, is posted on the Councils website and its Facebook pages.

John Fassenfelt January 2023.