

Correspondence for July 2022 HRP meeting.

1. Copy of head of petition regarding parking in Norfolk Crescent

We, the residents of Norfolk Crescent, Framlingham, would like to draw to your attention to the worsening parking situation in this road.

Whilst we accept that it is a public highway and anyone has a right to park, it is a very narrow road being approximately 10 feet wide, and cannot accommodate vehicles opposite each other or across from driveways making it very difficult to actually drive out or gain access to the properties.

In the past emergency vehicles have been obliged to park in Vyces Road and the refuse lorries have to run over the pavements and verges causing collapse and damage to utility cables/pipes underneath.

Vehicles park indiscriminately over the pavements especially on the corner/junction with Vyces Road meaning residents, primary school children and the general public have to walk in the road. This is becoming ever more dangerous with the increase in traffic.

Polite requests for people to consider those who live here are often met with considerable verbal abuse.

A recent example being an incident which occurred on Thursday 23 June 2022 when no one could get out of Norfolk Crescent as a large car and a motor bike parked on opposite sides of the road blocked the exit/entrance. Indeed an elderly resident had to search for the driver of the car and was subsequently late for a medical appointment.

Quite frankly, we have had enough and look forward to a positive and helpful response to this increasing ongoing problem as previous requests have come to nothing.

Your immediate attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Please find enclosed supporting photographic evidence. 

2. From Suffolk Police re Speed Watch location

Hello James,

You're probably aware of an RTC which occurred on the B119 in May, close to the junction of New Rd. heading out of Fram towards Saxtead?

It involved a motorcycle which overtook a van as the van was turning right. The injuries incurred by the motorcyclist are life changing and so the location has been subject to speed logging with the use of SDR equipment.

The results are sufficient for the Suffolk RoadSafe Partnership Safety Cam Van to adopt the location as a new site, although it falls into their 'Green' category, meaning a visit at least once every six weeks.

If you recall, when we were looking at suitable sites earlier this year for Fram's new CSW group to monitor traffic from, we adopted a site close to the junction of the new

build houses on Briscoe Way, opposite Thomas Mills High School, very close to where the RTC occurred.

The site we adopted is the footpath where the pedestrian crossing facilities have been incorporated into the footpath & the white line painted on the road to indicate a safe place to cross. I've attached a photograph as a reminder.

If & when the Fram. CSW group next goes out, please can this location be visited? I'll also let Officers at Halesworth know, as they often ask me where they should deploy according to the most recent incidents.

Regards,

Simon Green

PC 187,

3. Email from SCC Lighting re replacement LED lamps

Dear James,

I trust you are keeping well and it was good to talk earlier.

Thank you for your email, to assist you I have added some comments below. Some of the points will enable us to assess whether we can offer ongoing maintenance works.

- Are your appointed contractors Highway Electrical Association members / HERS registered? If not, are you satisfied regarding their competency i.e. training in safe isolation / G39 etc. and relevant Risk Assessments and Method Statements? If it assists, I am happy to advise you accordingly.
- To consider future maintenance, can you please forward the proposed lantern, form of switching (i.e. CMS to be used or photocell) and associated UMSUG codes (the contractor will understand what the UMSUG relates to) . If this is to be an alternative CMS then, unfortunately, we may not be able to maintain the units in the future as we would have no control over the lights and would not be able to assess the energy consumption, however if it is photocell controlled then this would be possible.
- How long are the warranties on the lantern and will the guarantees novate to the Town Council and Suffolk Highways? What is the process for returning failed units and receiving new (including timescales)?
- Will any equipment, currently within G39 conflict (where they are on wooden poles within 1m of nearest overhead line), be relocated to facilitate future maintenance?
- A Programme of work will be required as faults will be generated to our contractor once the existing nodes are removed and I wouldn't want them to attend un-necessarily.

Thank you for your offer to return the nodes, if these can be returned to our depot at Mobbs Way, Lowestoft, it would greatly appreciated or we can arrange collection if necessary.

As always, I am happy to assist you in any way I can.

Kind Regards,

Richard

Richard Webster MBA PGDMS

Asset Manager (Street Lighting)

4. Email exchange with resident re street lighting staying on all night. (DTC answer in italics)

Street lighting on all night at castle keep development. One of which is right outside my bedroom window, which keeps me awake and judging by the birdsong all the local wildlife too. It is my understanding that councils have agreed to "go dark" between midnight any 7 ish in the morning...cost savings and ecological reasons.

Thank you for your email regarding street lamps not turning off at night. The Town Council is aware of this issue and is considering how best it can help. The problem with street lamps on most modern estates (and in all three in Framlingham - Taylor Wimpey, Hopkins and Persimmon) is that the street lights are not owned and controlled by the County Council or indeed the Town Council as most others are. Town and County owned street lamps turn off a midnight, and it is a pity that the planning inspectorate did not insist on Taylor Wimpey adding similar time switches as part of the planning appeal process. Modern estates controversially do not transfer the ownership of many amenities like tree planting, the roads and street lighting to a local authority but remain in the control of the management company the developer sets up. These are private companies and have no statutory duties or public accountability. Taylor Wimpey have appointed NCH property services to be the managing agent of your estate. This should be your first port of call and perhaps you could ask them if they have any plans to add time switches to the street lamps.

I will ask the Chair of the HRP committee if he will add this issue to the agenda and I hope that the Town Council will then be able to campaign on behalf of its residents (and the planet and the insects) for all three estate management companies to install time switches on the street lamps. Unfortunately, as a private company, the management companies will no doubt seek to reclaim the cost of this from the residents of the estates if indeed they do agree to the proposals - however there should be energy savings as a result.

What always helps in this sort of issue is if a number of residents could work together to add weight and numbers to their voice. Do you know any other residents of Castle Keep who feel the same? I understand there is a Facebook group for the estate, so perhaps you could raise this there?

Please do keep me posted of any further you get, and likewise I will let you know what the Town Council is able to do.

Thank you for your prompt and detailed reply.

I know of several others who share my view, so have forwarded onto some key contacts, so hopefully this will generate similar complaints/enquiries.

There are mutterings about trying to oust the management company at the earliest opportunity to appoint a local contractor with a vested interest in their local community, as the place is starting to look unloved already.

Please let me know if there is any further I can do to help.

Regards