

14 Correspondence

14.1 by email 24/11/2022, 14:15

Quiet Lanes from Earl Soham Parish Council

Earl Soham Parish Council.
c/o David Grose
The Willows
Earl Soham
Woodbridge
Suffolk
IP137SA 21st November 2022

Dear Mr Western,

Following a meeting of the Earl Soham Parish Council on the 10th November, I have been asked to write to you on behalf of the residents of the village, on a basis of goodwill and neighbourly mutual interest.

Some months ago the Parish Council agreed to take part in a East Suffolk District Council initiative called 'Quiet Lanes'. This programme is designed to help promote lanes/roads where people go walking, horse riding, running, dog walking, and cycling and these activities can be done and enjoyed in an environment that is safe, and acknowledge by all those who use these designated lanes/roads. Earl Soham nominated Church Lane from the junction in the village with the A1120 up to the parish boundary which is midway to Framlingham and your factory. This designation came into effect 3 months ago.

During our Parish Council meeting, we also discussed the incident that resulted in the traumatic event of a residents horse having to be put down following a car colliding with it. I personally know that the 2 riders of the horses involved have been devastated by this, and are clearly traumatised with no easy resolution apparent.

As you are aware, the owner of the car has been identified as an employee at your factory, at the top of Church Lane, by the police with this matter is still on going. Subsequently, the village has seen a number of conversations take place between residents that were relayed to the Council and were discussed. The summary of this discussion is best summoned up by the following examples given:

- 1) I never walk up the lane between 4-5 o'clock in the week due to reckless driving.
- 2) I have been tailgated by cars I know come from the factory at the top of Church Lane
- 3) I have had to jump in a ditch to avoid being hit by car (late afternoon).
- 4) I have had to jump on to the verge with my dog to avoid these dangerous drivers (late afternoon)
- 5) When out doing my running I have had to jump aside to avoid fast cars (late afternoon)
- 6) Whilst walking regularly up the lane I see aggressive behaviour from vehicles I know come from the factory at the top of the lane.
- 7) I have been meaning to speak to Weston's for a long time about their employees driving, and I am so disappointed in myself that I never got around to it.
- 8) Numerous incidents of speeding, poor driving and cans of Red Bull being thrown from the car – all believed to be employees of your factory.
- 9) Numerous people talk of early morning speeding through the village, and then driving up Church lane.

It also became known that residents have previously made complaints directly to your company on this matter of reckless and dangerous driving, but no improvement on the matter were seen.

Whilst it is hard to prove that all incidents are employees of yours, there is much acceptance that the cars are recognised regularly and some have certainly been seen to be parked at your factory car park.

With the widely acknowledged problem of traffic in Church Lane, which many residents believe stem from your business, I would like to suggest we meet to discuss how this problem can be solved on a permanent basis. The last thing anybody wants is for this issue to persist and an even worse problem to occur that involves injury or worse to either children or adults.

I hope that you receive this letter with the intent that it was sent, which is to resolve a long standing problem in an amicable way. We would like it be known that we appreciated your businesses contribution and employment to the local area and community.

I look forward to hearing from you

Kind Regards

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14.2 By email 4/11/2022, 13:34

Title: EP Passenger Interest Group

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

When: Occurs the second Tuesday of every 2 months effective 10/01/2023 until 10/01/2024 from 14:00 to 15:30.

Organiser:

Simon Barnett <Simon.Barnett@suffolk.gov.uk>

Description: Hi all,

I'd like to get these dates set for our Passenger Group for 2023, on the understanding that any individual date can be shifted as required.

Initially I am booking these all as MS Teams sessions at 1400 on:

10 January

14 March

9 May

11 July

12 September

14 November

9 January 2024

As discussed at our last session, we will look to have some of these meetings in person going forward, potentially including visits to operators, but accepting this invite gets them all in the diary for now.

14.3 from resident re Pig's meadow lighting: by email 28/11/2022, 18:49

Subject:
Footpath lighting
From:
suevscrivener@gmail.com
Date:
28/11/2022, 18:49
To:
James Overbury <dtc@framlingham.com>

Hi James

Walking home across the footpath from College Road today I took a couple of photos of what I assume are a few lights next to one side of the path, if they are lights not sure if they have been connected yet as they are not working. Whatever they are you can see by my photos the dirt, leaves and stones that will cover any lights sunk in that area. I think whoever is going to make the final decision on what lights to have should walk up there and see them for themselves, not only in the daylight but also when it is dark.

Kind Regards



14.4 from resident re need for slow horses sign by web page 12/11/2022, 12:10

he need for a "slow - horses" sign at the end of brook lane / aspey green on the single track road. Far too many cars travel at speed down the signal track road where pedestrians, horse owners (not just ourselves) walk the country road. It would

be nice for drives especially On the sharp corner to be aware that often there are horses or pedestrians on the road please before there's an accident.

14.5 from resident re New Road pavement 28/11/2022, 06:57

I just want to bring to your attention the poor state of the road opposite the Bike Shop in New Road at the rear entrance to the Primary School. I was walking along there as I quite often do, when I tripped over a lump of loose stones – and on examination afterwards and corroborated by another faller in the same spot. In fact several people have told me that they no longer walk on the pavement but walk on the road in that area. Perhaps you can forward this email to the correct person who deals with the state of pavements etc.

14.6 from resident re pembroke road issues 14/11/2022, 14:03

As a resident of Pembroke Road, I have several points of concern and wondered if they could be raised at this evening's meeting?

Speeding Device

Living between Framlingham College and Thomas Mills, I have noticed how vital Pembroke Road is to the continuous flow of traffic in Framlingham. Everyday hundreds of children are either walking up Pembroke Road or crossing it, and yet there is no speed traffic device to slow traffic down where the most children are in Framlingham. Plenty of 4-wheel drives hurtle down Pembroke Road of a morning, and in my eyes as a regular observer it is dangerous.

Speed Bumps would be highly effective.

Pavements

The pavements along the whole of Pembroke Road are in a horrendous state. Apart from young children, there is an elderly population resident as well as a continuous flow to the doctor's surgery.

 [Pembroke Road Pavements.MOV](#)

I'd be most grateful if you are able to raise these concerns, or if not, please could you explain how I would go about raising these issues.

I look forward to your reply.

14.7 From business re SID (see agenda item 8.2.1)

James

Thank you for your email, I am a little disappointed to say the least with this outcome. I find it very frustrating as it seems every small neighbouring village has a speed indicator sign and yet Framlingham does not. Broadwater Road is in urgent need of one of these signs and my offer still stands to pay toward half the cost of the device.

