

SUMMARY OF STAPLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WITH RANGEFORD VILLAGES AND UK POWER NETWORKS WHICH TOOK PLACE ON FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2024 VIA TEAMS

Introduction: This summary is designed to provide information to the public on liaison undertaken by Stapleford Parish Council with the contractors. It must be made clear that Stapleford Parish Council does not have any control over the contractors it is liaising with, and it has no control over what happens on the public highway. It is endeavouring to achieve the most beneficial options for residents of Stapleford wherever possible.

Rangeford Site: planning conditions compliance:

There have been incidents where HGVs have arrived at site early. The site manager has taken a 'least impact' view and allowed them to enter the site, but they have been made to park and wait for the official opening time before they are allowed to load or unload. Whenever possible, the site manager is turning vehicles away that contravene planning conditions.

HGV movements:

Stapleford Parish Council has pressed both organisations on HGV movements through the village. Through discussion, it is clear that abnormal loads require a Movement Order, the route of which is dictated by Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC). This route may be in direct conflict with conditions of the planning permission as it takes the route of least impact on the physical highway. Rangeford and UKPN have instructed drivers to take the route from the A1307 into and out of the village, but have no power to control the contract drivers once they leave site.

Road Closures: Haverhill Road

Rangeford has been advised that the earliest road closure available to it is the last two weeks of June. This may require extended working hours to achieve the timeframe set by CCC.

UKPN: It's work programme has been set back due to other contractors working on the highway by 7 weeks. Earliest date for closure is again June but unlikely to be the same time as Rangeford.

Road Closures: Sawston Greenway:

The proposed closures for Mingle Lane, Church Street and Gog Magog Way have been delayed due other road closures such as Hinton Way. It was raised at the meeting as neither Rangeford or UKPN knew of this scheme. A commencement date has yet to be published.

Road conditions:

Rangeford will review what actions are within its remit to undertake with regard to the Haverhill Road footpath to the Magog Hills, and repairs to the verges, with CCC Highways Dept. It is understood that Cambridgeshire County Council has advised highway maintenance is unlikely to take place until the development is completed.

Temporary extension of the 30mph speed limit to Babraham Road:

Rangeford will be making an application to extend the 30mph limit imminently. However, it may take up to 12 weeks to achieve a decision due to CCC requirement to consult.

Vote of Thanks: CCC Cllr Brian Milnes and SCDC Cllr Peter Fane have liaised on behalf of the community from the start of the works and a formal vote of thanks is extended to them for their diligence in serving the community.