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Dear Sirs,

Following an email I recently received, from the CowfoldvRampion Group, I now understand that Rampion have changed their description of the length of time construction will take and thus the resulting chaos caused to immediately local residents on an already very dangerous road gives rise to deep concern. A worst-case scenario (4–5-year estimate) is unsupported and my real concern is what actually happened with the construction of Rampion 1 vs. what was estimated - 6years in all.

The A272 is a difficult road to join from the Coopers Farm Lane and I have written in on the subject many times. In 2019 I was reported to Operation Crackdown for pulling out on a vehicle and forcing them to go from 60 to 20 very quickly. I am a thoughtful and considerate driver and find the behaviour of motorists already unwilling to let cars join or to reduce their speed a fraction coming round the bend very intimidating.

Also a resident's car was involved in an accident pulling out of the lane in exactly the same scenario. This happens when there is visibility but will be much worse when there is queuing traffic heading towards Cowfold, which will restrict the view of uninhibited cars in full enjoyment of the national speed limit.

The construction traffic will be released from holding at Oakendean industrial estate down Kent Street, in a controlled manner (who can predict the level of traffic at given times without lengthy and detailed surveys - none of which I have seen). This means the public will be held up on the A272 for as much as 12 minutes by banksmen. In this time queues will undoubtedly build up, and Wineham Lane, Bulls Lane, even Kent Street itself, risk being used as rat runs as is the norm with any hiccup on this awful road.

Even if the A272 speed limit is reduced to 40mph for the construction duration, Rampion need to provide proper modelling to show what the impact on traffic flows might be, especially alongside the congestion caused by the HGVs turning in and out of the two Oakendene access points and Kent Street. Whilst they say they are endeavouring to limit the number of HGV's which are obviously attracting attention, they are not attempting any restriction on LGV's or affiliated staff travelling to and from work to the compounds every day.

These vehicles will take the quickest and free-moving routes which will include the side roads in the area. We know this, we live here and regularly see evidence of this behaviour and I have done it myself.

The process should insist Rampion do proper traffic counts of the current traffic going in and out of the Industrial Estate, which I believe to date, they have not. I also question the numbers of vehicles in their traffic modelling (and I have raised this before concerning their very casual manner concerning the traffic question).

The estimates seem too low compared with the much smaller Rampion 1 construction. Rampion must be made to substantiate the figures they have quoted.

Finally, I have attached 2 photographs. 1 is of the recent damage to a car exiting Coopers Farm Lane and the second from google maps is to illustrate the point made on several occasions, that we already have problems on the A272, without construction traffic. This is a 2-minute journey into the village!

Yours faithfully

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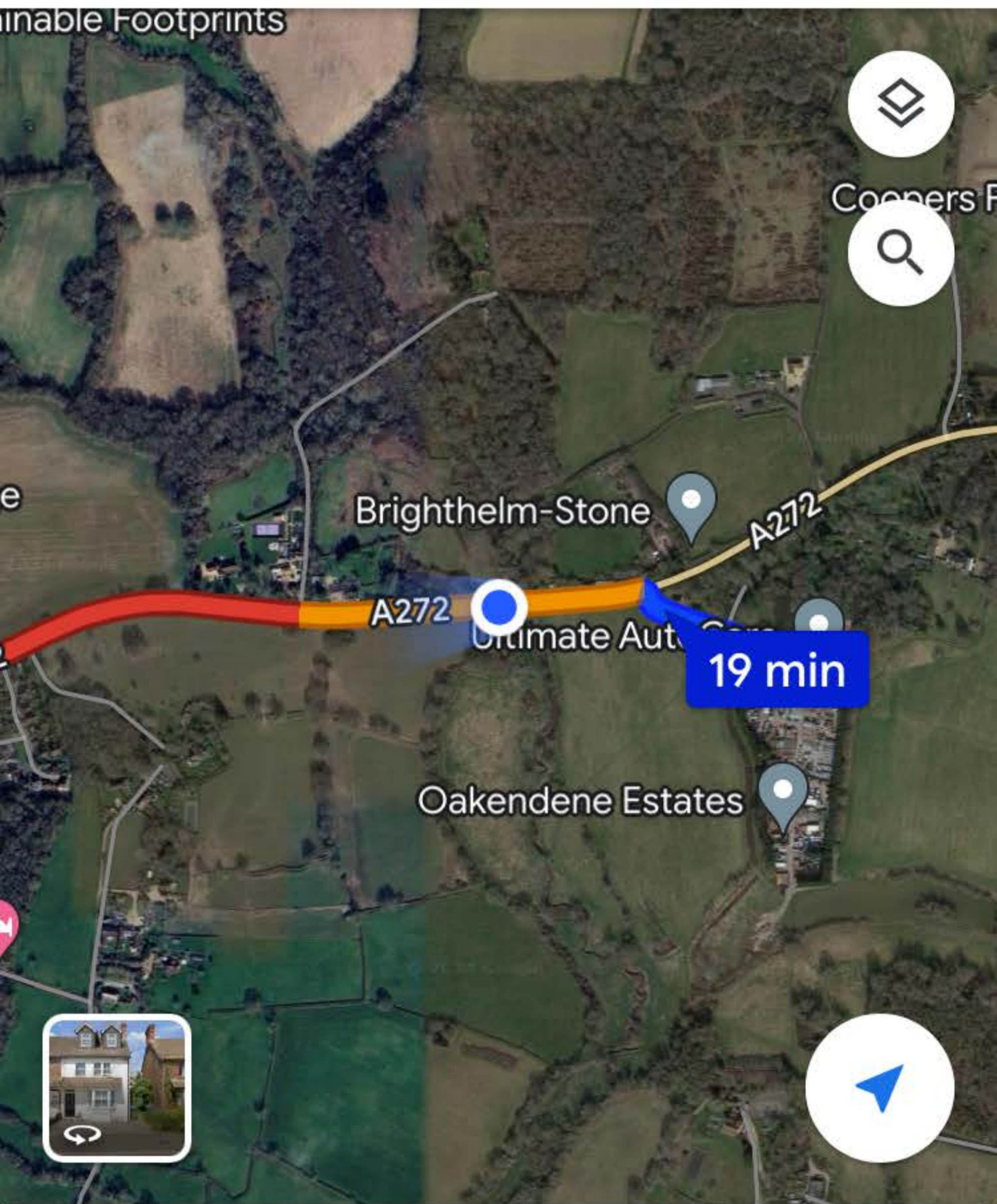
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Fastest route, despite the usual traffic



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