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Dear Nicholas

I was a designated speaker at the above meeting last evening at which I referred as planned to two documents which were assembled in the village some years ago seeking the views of residents. The first was a Village Design Statement which was accepted as Supplementary Planning Guidance by the Huntingdon District Council. It is still operative and covers the fact that the main issue was the difficulties regarding traffic on the B1040. Likewise the Parish Plan of 2004 following a questionnaire and with a 75 per cent response rate showed that the principal issue BY FAR was the traffic situation, especially regarding the many HGVs. I hope in this presentation that these documents are seen and taken into account. Both documents were delivered to every household as were the questionnaires.

Sadly it was not made clear that although Hilton has an HGV ban from 11pm to 7am, we had sought a 24hr ban at a tribunal some years ago. Very regrettably it was denied even though all minor roads in the area (eg Ellsworth etc) were granted full bans which had not been sought! Our night ban was said by the Inspector to be a 'compromise'. It was stated last evening that the ban is often breached and I know that a full ban would be an extremely popular situation.

Secondly the Chairlady of the panel asked me to forward the following information which I added to my statement :-

Report on traffic noise in the European Heart Journal June 14th 2015. This was compiled as a result of 7 years' data covering times between 7 am to 11pm and 11pm to 7am. Findings indicated that 4 per cent of people living close to traffic louder than 60 decibels were more likely to die of strokes or heart disease than noise levels at 55 dubs, this increased to 9 per cent in the elderly. Dr Jana Halogen of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine who led the study stated that road traffic noise has previously been associated with sleep problems and high blood pressure and this is the first study in the United Kingdom to confirm the link with death and strokes. The World Health Organisation defines 55dubs as a noise level that can cause health problems in a community.

Would you please ensure that the information here is included in the report to the appropriate body?

Very many thanks

Margaret Shardlow

PS Please note that the meeting was attended by at least 175 Hiltonians which demonstrated the strength of feeling regarding the effect of an A14 'improvement' on this village.

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