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**Cc:** [info@hihgwysEngland.co.uk](mailto:info@hihgwysEngland.co.uk)  
**Subject:** THE BAKERY WEST CAMEL LTD SPARKFORD ROAD (A303) WEST CAMEL BA227RQ  
**Date:** 27 February 2019 12:14:35

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Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you regarding the above business, sited directly onto the A303 midway between Sparkford and Poddimore.

This is a small but very busy family business which has been on this site for more than 100 years, without to our knowledge ever closing down, and has had only 3 families of master bakers trading in all that time.

We ourselves have had the business since July 22nd 1987 and now run it along with our son Victor, we employ 7 local people plus ourselves, and other members of our family, making a total of 10 people.

The ongoing problem of the road improvements has now been going on for 27 years, and has made my husband extremely ill, the constant worry of whether we would be closed down or lose our passing trade has been a continuing and aggravating trouble.

We depend heavily on the trade that comes through our doors and what we will do if this is impeded in any way. We are open 6 days a week, closing only on Sundays and Bank holidays.

Baking is an art, and to find a craftsman Baker is quite difficult, we have already lost 2 because of the doubt about the road and are now going to loose yet another because they are afraid that the road works will close the business and lose them their jobs. This as you may or not know has caused extreme difficulty with both production, delivery and the general well being of the rest of the staff, making our staff turnover higher than we would like.

We also need to purchase new equipment and vans, but cannot merit the expense whilst there is still so much doubt about our future.

I attended the hearing at Haynes Museum on Tuesday 26th Feb, where I was advised to put all this in writing to you. That is why I do not have a reference number to give you.

I am concerned for my family and my employees, will we still be able to trade? How will we get to and from The Bakery? We live in Downhead which is on the North side of the road The Bakery being on the South side, also there is a massive junction planned for the top of our lane, how will we negotiate this? How will we get to and from the village by foot, with dogs, prams and ponies, children on bicycles, this I have enquired in an earlier e mail to you, but as you can see, we have many problems to overcome.

Yours sincerely  
Joy Whittington

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**Subject:** Downhead junction  
**Date:** 26 February 2019 11:55:30

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Dear Sirs, I have today 26th February 2019 been to a hearing in Haynes Museum regarding the A303 works, and I understand that NO provision for pedestrians, horse riders, cyclists, ponies and traps, has been made to cross the junction by way of footbridge or underpass. Please can you let me know what you propose to do for our safety? Joy WHITTINGTON: [REDACTED] West Camel

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**Cc:** [Les Stevens](#)  
**Subject:** Written Submission from Sparkford Parish Council Re A303  
**Date:** 07 March 2019 16:48:25

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I have read the written submission from Sparkford Parish. Council and as THE BAKERY WEST CAMEL LTD I endorse their suggestions, and request that they are given strong consideration by yourselves.

Many thanks Joy Whittington, For the Businesses on the A303 Sparkford to Poddimore.

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