

## Open Forum Meeting Presentation 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 2 p.m. meeting

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[REDACTED] which is directly off the southbound A12 at a very remote location in [REDACTED] it is currently [REDACTED] from the A12 but will be approximately [REDACTED] from the proposed new road

Over the past three years we have been battling with Highways to gain some understanding for my son and his family who reside at [REDACTED], several of whom are [REDACTED] which is a protected characteristic, and one who [REDACTED]. All of whom should have had some consideration and a greater understanding from Highways throughout this process, unfortunately this has not been forthcoming

It has been impossible to receive any meaningful response or understanding for the distressing position we have been put in by National Highways.

We have raised many issues and complaints with Highways staff regarding the actions of Costain's over past years with no meaningful responses although an inadequate response was received just prior to this meeting. Details of our issues with Costains and highways can be found on the Inspectorate's website, but we have more detailed issues which we will submit in time for future deadlines

Whilst we accept that the A12 has to be upgraded this should not be to the detriment of local residents, in the way that my family, and, as we have learnt today others, have been treated

The close proximity of the accepted route to our property means that the recording studio and wedding photography businesses run from the home office within the curtilage of WWF have already suffered detrimentally due to disturbance during surveys, boreholes, and digging of test pits etc, causing a loss of [REDACTED] for my whole family.

The family know that they have got to move to survive from what has been a devastating experience so far and will only get worse when construction begins as, our location is listed as a 24 hour working location by Contains.

In the property noise overview received from National Highways on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022 it stated that at WWF there is an acceptance that there would be significant adverse effects on health and quality of life. The document also admitted that the night time SOAEL ( significant observed adverse effect level) exceeds the noise levels in accordance with National Policy. Within the construction noise assessment it also states that concrete piling will be undertaken within the proximity of our property both day and night. The admitted excess of decibel levels and the increase in vibration will have a devastating effect on the recording studio and wedding photography business

Our family have known for three years that they have got to move due to the new road's close proximity, this has blighted the property putting them in an impossible unsettling and disturbing position, which is having [REDACTED] which we can do nothing about until Highways recognise the dire situation the family have been put in.

In September 2022 it was recommended by Highways, as they would not accept our blight status that we put in for discretionary purchase, however on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 we were advised that we could put in a blight application but that it might not be accepted. We are currently awaiting a

decision on this but are seriously concerned that Highways state there has to be two separate applications, one for the house and one for the studio (home office) despite them being registered as one property at the land registry. We have repeatedly requested the rationale for this as it does not make sense unless Highways are planning to take only one part of our property but our requests have been ignored.

This is a further example of how Highways are treating us. And as discovered today many others have been.

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