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UPDATE:

Potholes, Wellington Avenue Re-Surfacing & HGV Traffic

As anticipated, the worsening state of our roads in Newton, particularly as a result of the very wet conditions of late was much debated at last weeks' Parish Council meeting.

Potholes

As per the draft November minutes, Councillor Neil Clarke has undertaken to report the significant area of damage on Main Street on exiting the village towards Bingham for urgent repairs.

Residents are also encouraged to report road or pavement damage via the Notts County Council website (details overleaf). It's really easy to do so and an increased level of reporting and vigilance can only help to expedite these matters of concern on behalf of our community!

Re-Surfacing of Wellington Avenue

Notts County Council & Highways' appointed contractors, VIA, have returned to site this week to measure up following a visit earlier in the summer during which core samples of the road structure were taken.

Councillors are now pleased to report that re-surfacing works on Wellington Avenue are *provisionally* scheduled to commence on 3rd February 2020 over a period of four consecutive nights in order to minimise the impact on road users.

The accompanying diagram from VIA illustrates the extent of planned works and VIA are well aware of the structure of the road, so remain confident of a lasting result. Residents will receive a letter early in the New Year to this effect.

HGV Traffic & Signage

The continued use of Wellington Avenue by HGV drivers accessing the Hangars on the Newton Business Park has been a longstanding concern.

Following prolonged correspondence and follow-up with the various parties concerned, it has been confirmed that Hangars 1, 3 and 5 have out of hours movement restrictions in force with the local planning authorities. However, Hangars 2 and 4 do not.

Mindful of this, Councillors have continued to push for much improved signage at **both** ends of the village, diverting HGVs towards the current commercial road at all times when travelling to and from the Hangars. Many drivers from overseas have satellite navigation devices which guide them through the village and it is anticipated that clearer signage will greatly improve the situation. Councillor Neil Clarke has confirmed that these works are imminent in the coming weeks.

Redrow have previously stated that Phase II HGV construction traffic will not be permitted to use Wellington Avenue under any circumstances, and will instead access site via the commercial road at all times. Subject to planning, this is expected to remain the case, with the existing commercial road earmarked for early reconstruction set further back from Firefly Close.

Remember – Please do your bit or just keep updated on our progress:

Report road and pavement damage at:

- <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/potholes/report-a-pothole> or,
- Telephone the Notts County Council **Customer Service Centre** on **0300 500 80 80**

Councillors also encourage residents to attend our monthly Parish Council meetings where you are invited to raise matters of interest or concern during the public session and listen to proceedings. The schedule for these is available on our website or via our Clerk (details overleaf).

With kind regards

Newton Parish Council