

## West Road March 2021 Update

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Since construction began at both sites in West Road in January residents have been alarmed about heavy goods vehicles arriving and departing during school drop off and pick up times.

Their Construction Management Plans state that when the school (Mandeville) is open deliveries should not take place before 9:30 am and not after 3pm. Members have visited the site many times to monitor the situation. Residents have been forwarding photos of vehicles going through the school crossing patrol during the restricted times which we have forwarded to Taylor Wimpey and Barratt.

We have complained to both developers who have said they will take punitive action against suppliers who do not comply. They agreed they will coordinate Marshalling at the junction of West Road. We have said that there should be clear instructions on the delivery notes and that any vehicles arriving before 9:30 am should be moved on to a lay by away from the location. Also that no vehicles should arrive after 14:30, and if they do moved on as required.

The routes should also be away from weight restricted areas. it is up to the developers to organise their own suppliers and they should put the correct processes in place. In the interests of safety we cannot tolerate any more breaches of the conditions.

During one of the visits at the end of March we saw a Euro Services vehicle drive into West Road before 9:00 ignoring the marshal and on the return journey mount the pavement outside the school close to a mother with a baby and child. This incident was reported to the Police by both the school and the parent. The vehicle registration number had been taken and we informed the developers. As a result Taylor Wimpey contractor Houlihan have written to Euro Services informing them under no circumstances is this driver allowed to deliver to this Taylor Wimpey development going forwards

The developers sent members the following commitments

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- Unless Euro Services as a business can conform to the strict delivery times their order will be terminated via TMC, we await their written confirmation and acceptance of these clear conditions.
- Houlihan have also confirmed to TW that if a supplier arrives after 2.30pm and is offloaded before 3.30pm they will be held until 3.30pm after the school has fully closed before being released onto the public highway.
- Taylor Wimpey have issued Houlihan a 'Non-Conformity Notice' which attracts a £500 fine and requires the Directors of the company to meet the TW Production & Commercial Directors to explain what punitive actions they have taken and what measures and controls have been put in place to prevent further issues of a Health & Safety nature going forward.
- We have also requested Houlihan erect hoarding signage clearly indicating deliveries can only be accepted between 9.30-3.00 as detailed within the approved TMP (Management Plan). We are also investigating whether any business at the West Rd junction would also be prepared to accept a similar sign.
- TW are also adding an addendum, as your suggestion, highlighting the layby on A1184, within the TMP for information only.
- Houlihan have written to all suppliers requesting a 30 minute notice of pending arrival at site.

- TW are due to present via TEAMS/ZOOM to the school pupils a 'Building Site Safety Awareness' presentation, following the Easter Break.

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1. Further letters re-iterating the designated delivery times have been issued to all our suppliers and sub-contractors. These letters make it clear that any deliveries made outside of these times will be turned away at the suppliers cost.
2. We now have a permanent traffic marshal at the site entrance to help deal with deliveries. Any vehicle that arrives outside of the designated hours will be turned around and asked to return at an appropriate time. We have instructed Roltons (who prepared our CMP) to do some research on where vehicles can wait safely until the site opens for deliveries, keeping in mind local 7.5 tonne weight restrictions and the need to keep all heavy vehicles out Sawbridgeworth itself. This information will be passed to all our suppliers and sub-contractors and the Construction Management Plan updated accordingly.
3. MPC have prepared the content for our community construction website and drafted a 'postcard' to be issued to all residents alerting them to the fact that the website now exists. Dan Hayman will be sending you links to these resources for you and your highways colleagues to review before they go 'live'.  
We'll be sending a postcard with details of an information update website to the residents of: West Road (entire length), Crofters and Crofters End, Atherton End, Roseacres, Coney Gree, Chalks Avenue, Nursery Fields, White Post Field, Sayesbury Avenue, Highgate Grove with the associated website which you can view through the following link, [www.sawbridgeparkconstruction.co.uk](http://www.sawbridgeparkconstruction.co.uk) and will happy share links with other pages as suggested and keep it updated with news and updates.

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