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FW: Roaduser safety

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Last night we had a very constructive monitoring meeting, kindly hosted by Mr and Mrs Lilley, with some of their neighbors from the Dundas Home Farm community in attendance.

We agreed in principle monitoring solutions that will be satisfactory to everyone, I'm sure. We also took the opportunity to discuss operations, programme and other items of interest.

A vitally important topic of discussion was the use of the road that leads to and through this small community. FCBC and Morrison Construction have been users of this road in the past few weeks and it was commented that some vehicular movements have been at excessive speeds, not necessarily breaking the speed limit, but excessive when you consider the road is a virtual playground for children on foot or on bikes. (Mike Brownstone said his car was surrounded by young cyclists as he sought a parking place at night).

The fact that we will not be using this particular road very much through the duration of the works does not dilute the need to highlight the dangers driving at "normal" speeds can pose in this situation.

Our way of conveying the need for caution to our drivers is through the site induction process and, thereafter, toolbox talks and a refresher,

Could we please deploy the example of Dundas Home Farm Road, in our inductions, with immediate effect, using photos taken from both the child cyclist's and the driver's point of view, to illustrate the need for extreme caution. Could we please also highlight Dundas Home Farm as a "10 miles per hour" community and ask our drivers to adhere to that speed while passing through?

Another seriously hazardous location, in my view, is the footpath as you exit the village of Newton heading east. By the telephone and telephone kiosk on the left an overhanging tree obscures the view of the pedestrian and the same pedestrian will be in the way of the passing motorist 'til the last second. Also, the speed limit heading through Newton in this direction is 40mph entirely inappropriate.

village, then dropping to 30mph. As a driver who has used the Newton route over many years, I admit that having dropped my speed to 40...ish I'm really reluctant to drop it to 30 especially when it's over such a short distance.

As I stood on the footpath with Evelyn Woollen the other day the HGVs in particular, were scary - and very few people were adhering to the speed limit.

Could we again use photos in our induction to illustrate the dangers speeding vehicles create here.

Could we please label Newton a "20mph community" as far as our drivers, including suppliers, are concerned, and hopefully we'll have a positive influence on our fellow roadusers as a bonus.

These are just two examples that I've come across in the past 48 hours - there will be others. Can our inductors/ H&S advisors and personnel in general please seek out other potentially hazardous conditions that exist or might arise in our inevitable interface with the communities and general public and highlight them in the inductions?

Can we please major on these in the site inductions, starting from this morning, and toolbox talk anyone that you feel would benefit?

To those composing and carrying out inductions I know the topic of driving safely is covered already but I'm sure these specific examples will reinforce the message

Finally, if you're into fishing, you'll know that you can't beat local knowledge if you want to know where the fish are lying.

Applying the same principle to Health and Safety of the roaduser I would like to invite members of the community to attend our site inductions and help us identify any potential hazards we may be missing.

So I'd be happy to arrange the attendance of community representatives any weekday (it'll be early morning) as of now.

Please contact me on 07885 345876).

Thanks everyone.

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