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Parish Clerk:
Alison Reynolds

Dear Resident,

Re: Road Bypass

As the developers for the Northampton Gateway begin some work in preparation for the Road Bypass, we wanted to ensure all residents of the Dovecote Road, Blisworth Road and Priory Crescent area of the village are aware of what Road Parish Council is doing during this time.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact:

1. Winvic, who are operating the site, have a website with details and contact information

<https://slp-ng.com/community/>

2. Our WNC councillors:

Councillor Louisa Fowler – louisa.fowler@westnorthants.gov.uk

Councillor Maggie Chubley – maggie.chubley@westnorthants.gov.uk
07590 194957

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3. Finally, you can also contact Road Parish Council clerk (Alison) at:
Clerk@roadeparishcouncil.gov.uk
01604 861976

Whilst Road Parish Council does not have many legal powers in regard to this development and Road Bypass, we are in close discussion with the developers and will forward any questions from residents for response. As many of you will be aware the Road Bypass has now started with some earth movements around the village, particularly near the Dovecote Road / Blisworth Road area of the village. RPC have received some questions from parishioners and we have been in discussion with the developers. In order to ensure that all residents have this information, we are writing this letter to you, and will provide to all residents via social media platforms.

Footpaths / Public Rights of Way

We are awaiting some detailed plans from the developers, but the bypass will intersect with a number of footpaths to the west of the village. The majority of the footpaths will cross the bypass using uncontrolled pedestrian islands, or splitter islands at the 3 roundabouts where appropriate. This includes KZ19, KZ30 and KZ2a.

The Bridleway RZ3 and RZ6 will cross the bypass using an uncontrolled crossing with a central pedestrian refuge, whilst Bridleway RZ1 will be diverted through an underpass beneath the bypass to link up to the footway running alongside the bypass.

The route to the east of the railway line which is commonly used by walkers is not an existing designated footpath, and there will not be a crossing at this point on the bypass. We are aware that this is a route used by many residents currently, but as it is not a designated footpath it was not included in the plans which were approved by the Secretary of State.

Drainage

As many residents will be aware, there was flooding at the Dovecote Road / Blisworth Road properties last year. We have raised this issue with the developers and they have confirmed that all earthworks and embankments will have suitable drainage, and that an attenuation pond to the west of Blisworth Road / Knock Lane will reduce the flood risk by restricting outflow to the local watercourse. All drainage installed will be approved by WNC through the highways approval for the bypass.

Compensation Schemes

Unfortunately, there was no compensation included in the planning for Northampton Gateway for properties in the Dovecote Road / Blisworth Road area. There are standard processes in place via the Land Compensation Act 1973 which requires that any compensation claims are made to the responsible authority. If any residents think that they would be entitled to compensation, then we would encourage them to take independent advice. RPC are not legal experts in this field, and we cannot provide legal advice.

Noise

The bypass includes landscape bunding to mitigate noise impact. This may include fencing in some sections to increase the size of the bundings. The developers have assured us that their plans are consistent with Government policy.

Light

The lighting used will be agreed by Northamptonshire Highways as part of their street light policy. Lighting will only be present at the new roundabouts and the bunding (see above) will also mitigate this affect.

We understand that there is a lot of justifiable concern in the village and we would urge any residents with questions to use the contact details at the start of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Roade Parish Council

Attachments:

- **Plan for Bypass near Blisworth Road**