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Hello John,

Thank you for this information and for the review of the alternative route.

Although likely to be unpopular and amenity issues aside (I've copied the Planning Case Officer who might be able to offer some input on that side of things), from a purely technical perspective I think the preference would still be for the construction vehicles to take the most direct and shortest route from the A272. The alternative route appears to introduce some potential safety hazards; although some of this can be mitigated by physical improvement, the issues mitigated signage wouldn't remove the problem entirely but the residual impact could be avoided by using the original route.

It could be that any vehicles routing through Wisborough could be subject to controls to minimise their impact, such as operating outside of school travel times, outside of school holidays, not at weekends, subject to a construction vehicle speed limit of 20mph or being brought through in convoy with supporting vehicle as a means of traffic management etc.

However, with that said, I have consulted our local Community Officers to see if they have any thoughts that they would like to offer. I've highlighted the urgency of the matter and I'll pass on any comment once received.

Kind regards,

Dominic

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Subject Wisborough Green - oil and gas exploration site

Hello Dominic

I have tried calling but keep getting cut off. We have new phones in our office so I expect it is a problem our end so I will keep on trying. However I thought I would drop you an e-mail to set out my thoughts on the alternative route to the proposed exploration site at Wisborough Green.

Just to remind you of the background which we discussed, our preferred route for construction traffic is from the A272 through Wisborough Green and along Kirdford Lane. The only technical challenge we have is the right-angled bend

on Kirdford Road just to the east of the Skiff Lane junction with Kirdford Road. Our suggested proposal would be to provide temporary signing on both approaches to this corner advising traffic to slow due to construction traffic. Notwithstanding the technical aspects of the route and what we would agree are the very low volumes of traffic using it, there is a ground swell of local objection to construction traffic travelling through the village no matter how low the volumes and no matter how temporary.

The alternative route would be A272 / B2133 / Skiff Lane. This is longer than the direct route through the village but avoids the village entirely. I went out last Friday and walked the alternative route. Before we take this proposal any further, I was hoping to get some feedback on the potential constraints and opportunities to overcome these. I list these below:

- 1) Problem: Junction with A272 / B2133. Fast moving traffic and sub-standard visibility. Recommendation: advance signing on all approaches of turning construction traffic.
- 2) Problem: left turning traffic from B2133 into Skiff Lane cannot undertake this manoeuvre without swinging into the on-coming carriageway. Recommendation: highway verge to the west of Skiff Lane is very wide and either temporary matting or more permanent works such as grasscrete can be provided to enable traffic to turn left. This would be backed up by temporary signing on all approaches warning of turning construction traffic.
- 3) Problem: narrow bridge half way along Skiff Lane. Recommendation: Install priority shuttle working (signs and road markings). This could be temporary or left as a permanent feature.
- 4) Problem: traffic turning right from Skiff Lane in to Kirdford Road. Sub-standard visibility to the left around right-angle bend. Recommendation: advance signing on all approaches of slow moving, turning construction traffic.

Notwithstanding our willingness to provide an alternative route in response to public consultation concerns, it would be helpful to fully understand what the county's view of it would be should we submit it with the above measures suggested?

I will try and get through to you tomorrow by phone but please feel free to call first!

I look forward to speaking to you

Kind regards

John

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