

Cllr Leo Hammond

Myself and representatives from Full Sutton and Skirpenbeck Parish Council have just had a meeting with the MoJ and ERYC Planning, in which we raised the serious below issues relating the lorries entering and leaving the site.

1. Lorries are not using the correct routes as agreed as part of the planning permission- they are driving on small country lanes and housing estates - this is not acceptable and is a risk to public safety.
2. Lorries are waiting in Full Sutton Village to be let into the site when they arrive early causing congestion and again highways safety issues - this is not acceptable.
3. Lorry drivers are not being considerate of local residents and road users, both speeding and driving aggressively - this is not acceptable.
4. Signage to the sight is inadequate and incorrect, contributing to the above issues.

In the aim of public safety and amenity, we demanded resolutions to these issues ASAP!

The MoJ have agreed the situation is unacceptable and have agreed to work with their contractors to resolve the issues. We have got them to agree to:

1. Lorries will start using the correct routes as designated by the planning permission (Hatkill Lane, both to the A166 and Fangfoss).
2. Lorries will be told not to arrive at the site before 8am, however, if lorries do arrive early they will be let onto the site early to stop them parking in Full Sutton.
3. **Lorry drivers will be educated on how to act appropriately.**
4. The signage issues we raised (corrections to the sign at Hatkill Lane Junction in Full Sutton, and more Signs on Moor Road to stop lorries using it) will be addressed.
5. A 'two point' system will be enforced on all MoJ contractors - so going forward, if they break any of the above rules more than once, their contract will be cancelled.

I told the MoJ that I think these five rules are good and will address the problems, I just think it's ridiculous that they have not been in affect since day one, as these issues should be easy to prevent.

I also said, whilst they have fixed the problem on paper, they now need to fix it in reality, and whilst we absolutely empathised that these rules need to come in to force immediately in the aim of public safety, we agreed that a cut off date of Tuesday 10th May will be enforced for their implementation. This gives the MoJ and their contractors two working days to fix their mess.

I have requested a meeting with the MoJ next week after Tuesday, so that if the rules are not being adhered to after the cut off date, i can take this further with them.

It is my view that if the rules are not being adhered to by next Tuesday, then I will be pressing ERYC to take enforcement action against the MoJ to make this happen, and I will be contacting the Police and Crime Commissioner **so that the Police can apply pressure to the contractors** to address the serious highway and public safety issues.

What is happening is not acceptable, is dangerous, and must stop.

Hopefully, if the MoJ stick by the rules we have agreed today, it will stop.

If not, we will be back onto them again fighting to protect local residents!