

## **ARDINGLY TRAFFIC APPRAISAL**

### **Discussions at Hapstead Hall with main stakeholders 11 December 2012**

#### **Paddy Jackman    Bursar, Ardingly College**

A new pelican crossing had been installed, together with an extension of the 30mph restriction from the village down to the college at the new crossing.

The new proposals should enforce the new speed limit along this stretch of road.

The College paid for the crossing under a Section 278 agreement.

#### **Joel Morris            Land and Planning Manager, Hanson UK**

The company has a limit of 10,000 movements in and 10,000 movements out of the depot each year. It is not easy to tell how many vehicles travel through the village. Drivers are not given instructions as to their route. They take the most convenient route

Mr Morris was happy to pass on advice to drivers as to how they should drive in the village and agreed to carry out a survey of typical vehicle movements.

Many of the movements do not involve their own vehicles. They have six vehicles of their own.

Cali Sparks of West Sussex County Council agreed to send Mr Morris a simple questionnaire for drivers asking them what route they are about to take.

#### **Simon Lee            General Manager, Nymans and Wakehurst Place, National Trust**

Mr Lee was keen to see wide ranging innovative ideas emerging from the study, for instance the purchase of property to achieve better results.

A footpath across the fields for children going to school might be useful.

Better facilities for people who wish to cycle should be considered. The National Trust may be able to assist.

There may be better links to the Bluebell Railway in the future.

There is also the possibility that visitors to Wakehurst may also visit the village.

Regarding public transport, Cali Sparks of West Sussex C. C. mentioned that, through the county council public transport funding structure, there may be opportunities for specific bus services to events at Wakehurst to be organised possibly subsidised and/or funded by the National Trust.

**Deborah Barber     Director, South of England Agricultural Society**

The Show ground is used on about sixty days a year for major events, though it is used on most days for smaller events.

The Society does not want the flow of traffic through the village impeded. They have a series of entrances, though all are to the north of the village.

Exhibition traffic includes large livestock vehicles, which for animal welfare reasons should not have to negotiate sharp corners or humps or irregularities in the road.

**Cath Pearson     Headteacher, St Peter's C E Primary School**

Children walk along College Road to the Ardingly College swimming pool. They wear high visibility jackets.

The significant roads along which children walk on their way to school are:

1. Along Street Lane as far as the Holmans
2. Across the High Street at Hett Close where there is now a children's crossing lady
3. Across the High Street at the junction with College Road
4. The length of College Road.

The school bus for secondary school children stops at the lay-by in the High Street (south bound) and outside the Hapstead Hall (north bound).