

## 1 – Residents Report

From: [REDACTED]

For the Attention: Silk Willoughby Parish Council

Date: 28 June 2022

Further to your email 16 June 2022 and with it a request for further information; I can advise that I have since taken it upon myself to undertake a 12 hour traffic survey which I conducted on Friday 24 June 2022.

The survey was conducted from my garden at 2 School Lane, Silk Willoughby NG348PG. Where the boundary of my property is within 2.8 meters of the London Road and runs parallel to London Road for the total of 42 meters.

The below table shows a true and exhaustive record of the total survey and the categories used to identify the various types of vehicle traffic which transited, in both directions, through Silk Willoughby village on the day.

<b>Silk Willoughby - Traffic Survey 24 June 2022 04:30 - 17:00</b>			
<b>Vehicle Category</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Vehicles Recorded</b>
HGV Mountains	04:30	19:00	116
HGV Construction	07:00	15:00*	45
HGV Construction Earth Moving	06:20	15:00*	224
HGV Other	07:30	15:00*	28
Commercial/Trade Trucks & Vans	05:00	17:00	217
Private Cars	04:30	17:00	691
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,321</b>

Note\* Construction traffic shorter Friday working hours as Monday to Friday we can expect to see construction traffic transiting through Silk Willoughby village until 17:00

As can be seen a total **1,321** vehicles of all categories was recorded.

Although no longer formally recording for the survey (due to fatigue and no less having lost the will) I can confirm that I witnessed some 20 additional Mountains HGV vehicles between 17:00 - 19:00.

Key points from the survey and when referring to the above table and included graphs:

A key note is total a total 48 HGV and 24 commercial and private vehicles past the survey point in either direction before 07:00. The first formal recording was at 04:30. Although, I can state that both myself and wife heard transiting Mid UK recycling (Mountains) HGV vehicles as early as 03:00.

Unsurprising the HGV Construction Earth Moving category was the largest recorded HGV movement. With a total of 224 HGV movements transiting though Silk Willoughby village to and from the Sleaford Handley Chase Housing construction site. As previously reported, Balfe Construction are removing untold amounts of unwanted soil "spoil" from the Handley Chase development and depositing it to other developers and land owners.

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Meaning on the day there were a total of 112 empty 20 tonne construction HGVs went onto site and 112 full 40 tonne construction HGVs came off site and back through Silk Willoughby village on route to the A15 Sleaford bypass. That's circa 2,240 tonnes of "spoil" in one day. Which of course calculates to well in excess of 10,000 tonnes a week!

Please note: that this is a Monday to Friday occurrence which has been going on for the past two weeks (and on separate occasion prior to that). And as informed by the Balfe General Site manager 23 June 2022 we can expect it to continue for at least a further two weeks in order to remove the remaining/current "spoil" from site. I was further advised that as the construction phase continues there will be the need for Balfe Construction and the other Developers to repeat this exercise.

It was also repeated that all construction traffic is and will continue to be instructed to transit to and from the Handley Chase site via Silk Willoughby and not to deviate from this route to and from the A15 Sleaford bypass.

Please note that there were nine separate vehicle contractors who were sub-contracted by Balfe Construction involved in "spoil" removal from the Handley Chase development on the day of the survey.

These were: GS Hughes, Fewsett Aggregates, S.P.Jullian Transport, RJP Construction, Brett Canavan Transport, Ballards, BSK Haulage, Davis Wright and Balfe Construction\*\*

Note\*\* these were the haulier company names witnessed on the day of the survey. As whilst compiling this report there were other/different haulier sites.

A not surprising figure was the total of plus 116 Mountains HGV vehicles which were caught by the survey (or otherwise heard) at the extreme hours of either end of the day.

Another unsurprising number was the total of Private Cars which was recorded at 691 transiting in both directions. Which I trust that anyone would agree is a substantial number. Please be assured that I did take every precaution not to include any known local traffic.

I would profess however, that the amount of Commercial / Trade Trucks & Vans vehicles was a surprise with a total of 217. Again, every effort was made to try and distinguish what were obvious trade vehicles (vans) and what might have been vans being used for private use. Of course whichever they would have still been recorded as a moving statistic.

All of which I/we believe only strengthens our cause and believe that some of the residents of Silk Willoughby are living with what can only be described as an intolerable situation which, as previously stated, is having a real impact on residence life's both physically and mentally. Such, if alternative or mitigating measures are not adopted then the situation will undoubtedly get worst for the residence of Silk Willoughby due to the inevitable increase of HGV construction and private vehicle use as a result of both the existing and future projected developments projects.

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I/we therefore do not believe that the present situation can be allowed to continue whereby some residents of Silk Willoughby are being forced to accept what is clearly an unacceptable set of circumstances which is already ruining their lives and if not checked will possibly continue to do so for the remaining period of some individuals' lives.

Why anyone should have to accept being woken from their sleep at a ridiculously early hour and then further accept to be subjected to continuous high levels of road and impact noise generated by both the proven high volume of traffic\*\*\* coupled with the ever deteriorating road surface condition. Also, and previously mentioned, we cannot and should not ignore the massive environmental impact associated with the volumes of heavy and private traffic proven by the survey.

Note\*\*\* All of which is using Silk Willoughby either as their instructed or preferred entry and escape route to and from the A15 Sleaford bypass.

I/we therefore trust that with this survey and mine and other previous submissions you find it enough to convince you that the concerns of Silk Willoughby residents are genuine and that the Parish Council now considers it has sufficient evidence to justify formal discussions between the appropriate LCC and District Council representatives (Highways/Planning) and all interested Stake Holders.

Appendix 1. Survey support graph data (2 pages).

Also supporting photographs / video of survey traffic can be made available.