

## **Report to Broadbridge Heath Parish Council**

Cnty Cllr Christian Mitchell  
Monday, 7 September 2020, 7:45pm

### **HGVs**

The opening of the A281 from Tesco's to Sargent Way on 17 July 2020 continues to cause issues.

With Mike Thomas, Highways Manager, and Stephen Reed and two other highway's officers I had a 90 minute site visits at 9:30am on 3 September 2020.

We were able to witness a two level car transporter (carrying large Range Rovers) attempt to navigate past Co-Op. Of course the driver was told to turn around which the driver did. Further a motorist was ill tempered at the same time who also had come the wrong way seemingly attempt to get to the A281.

This is all despite a wealth of signage from the Farthings Hill Roundabout and again at the smaller Tesco roundabout saying that there is no access.

The car transporter had pushed past traffic cones at the Tesco's roundabout which only 10min earlier we'd seen properly in place narrowing the road.

By the end of October 2020 the contractors for the works will leave site and therefore the cones at this part of the road and also at the 'bus gate' will all be removed. There will be permanent signs at the Tesco's roundabout and Sargent Way making clear such access is unsuitable for HGVs.

However it is clear that the wealth of signage is being wilfully ignored. It is the highway's manager's opinion that this needs to be remedied with advice from highways to HDC's planning department so address any further solutions.

I am going to hold a meeting with the district councillors and highway's officers and HDC.

### **New primary school**

Countryside have been reminded by both HDC and WSCC of the need for works on the new school site (clearing of land, fencing, bridge across the culvert etc.) to commence in time for the s106 deadline of Friday, 25 September 2020. All stakeholders and myself are keeping a close eye on this.

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