

SUBJECT: The Need For Vigilance & Collaboration to control our roads

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOUR HELP

You may recall back in May of this year, 65 parishioners rallied together and made a stand against Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council's lack of reasonable and proper enforcement action against the unauthorised use of land at Rumbush Farm in relation to the operation of a haulage and heavy plant business.

For the last 18 months residents of Tidbury Green have suffered from significant disruption to our tranquility, day and night, and increased safety risks should we ever venture out for a walk, use our bicycles or even try to get out of our drives at rush hour.

Heavy plant and machinery including tippers and low loaders regularly speed through our village with impunity and contempt as early as 4.30am.

With the support from 65 residents, a commendable, eloquent case from Councilor Richard Holt and direction from Colin Bowater, the case was won and the planning application by Furey Haulage was refused by Solihull Council in May 2016.

However, instead of ceasing these unauthorised operations in the summer, Mr Furey has been allowed to continue to run his business from the site and has actually stepped up operations.

There has been no show of remorse or consideration by Mr Furey for these breaches of operation and disruption of residents lives by slowing down his vehicles or scheduling them for more considerate hours.

We can only expect a more intense operation compounding the daytime disruption from other heavy vehicles (of the property development companies) using the roads by day.

Mr Furey has now appealed the Council's decision to refuse planning permission. The case will now be heard by an independent Planning Inspector in the coming months.

The appeal reference is **APP/Q4625/W/16/3163356**. The deadline for comments to be submitted to the Inspectorate is **12 January 2017**. It is important that you write to the Planning Inspector at the address below quoting the above reference with your concerns and where possible describing the harm and inconvenience caused:

**Lee McLean
Room 3/10B
Temple Quay House
2 The Square
Bristol
BS1 6PN**

With this in mind, we would like you to support the cause by:

- 1- being vigilant and reporting any nuisance or damage to vehicles or property on the roads by these or any other vehicles
- 2- sharing your views with Nick Page SMBC CEO (npage@solihull.gov.uk)
- 3- telling us how you feel and what solution we should seek should they win their appeal. We believe there should be a restriction of access to the depot fitting in with reasonable hours such as no access between 6pm and 8 am
- 4- lobbying or suggesting who we should lobby, to get the media and /or Regulator's attention and support.

A separate compliant has been lodged with the Department of Transport in relation to alleged breached in the operators license.

There is much to do to protect our village, but we need to demonstrate that we will not tolerate being bullied by local businesses or let down by the inactions of our Council.

Tidbury Green Parish Council