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Sharon Kirk, Senior Technical Services Officer Highways (South, Gamston)

Dear Miss Kirk

Further to our letter (3rd May) and your response (8th August), we regretfully need to express some disappointment in the lack of acknowledgement of the difficulties that the residents of Rivermead are experiencing. With the paragraphs in the same order again:

HGV Restriction

You report that there is a review currently being undertaken; we hope for a favourable outcome. On a hot summer's night it is impossible to sleep with the windows open as we are subjected to noise day and night from these monsters. Wilford Lane is a **lane** (you mistakenly called it Wilford Road at one point), that should be significant.

Pedestrian Crossing

How long ago was the survey carried out? We would be most surprised if today the criterion of 100 pedestrians in the busiest four hours were not met. Recent new development sat Beeches (Oscar's Restaurant, the gym etc) must attract many people. Combining that with the numbers of passengers at the bus stops getting on and off buses must surely add up to 100 in four hours. Furthermore, how many pedestrians wish to cross the road thereabouts, but are unable or unwilling to do so against a tide of vehicles travelling at high speed? They should be included in the count. Several Rivermead residents are fairly elderly and so need a safe crossing. It need not be a formal crossing; a second refuge, similar to the one by Becket School, would suffice. What is the date for the next such survey to be carried out? There is certain to be an increase in traffic when the new school and housing developments are occupied.

Noisy Manhole Cover

Severn Trent Water have still not resolved this issue. Also there is now another, even noisier, manhole cover, on the opposite side of the road towards the junction with the A60. Please can you raise this again with Severn Trent?

Speed Cameras

We will take your advice and consult the local Police on this matter.

With kind regards, yours sincerely

John Turner, Hon. Sec RRA.