

A428 Caxton Common to Hardwick Improvement First Newsletter - July 2006

Introduction

Welcome to our first newsletter, which is intended to provide an insight into the progress of the construction of the A428 Caxton Common to Hardwick Improvement.

We plan to maintain good communication with local residents throughout construction. To help us achieve this, our contractor, Edmund Nuttall is a member of the 'Considerate Constructors scheme', which means they are continually measured against a set of criteria that puts your needs first. This includes keeping disruption to a minimum. We are collectively committed to measuring noise, which is currently well within required levels. Construction operations and site vehicle movements are being carried out with great care and consideration for the safety of the general public, and site workers. No building activity shall be a safety risk to others. The improvement is due to be completed by Autumn 2007.

The project team has also given safety talks to local schools which are designed to make children aware of the dangers of construction sites as well as giving them an insight into why and how such road schemes are built.

If you have any queries or problems or need any further information please do not hesitate to contact Richard Gethin, the site based Public Liaison Officer, on 01954 212940.



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Rogue Traders

THE HIGHWAYS AGENCY ALERT RESIDENTS TO BE WARY OF BOGUS “WORKERS” TOUTING FOR RESURFACING BUSINESS.

Householders who live in the areas close to new road construction projects have, in the past, been approached by workers claiming to represent the Highways Agency and offering to resurface their driveways, the Agency has been told.

The workmen are reported to be using vehicles branded with markings and a fake logo that could be easily be confused with the Highways Agency’s own vehicle livery and logo.

The Agency wishes to make it clear that such workers are not employees of the Highways Agency or its contractors.

Tim Hughes, Highways Agency Project Leader for the A428 Caxton Common to Hardwick Improvement, said:

“Neither the Highways Agency or its contractors would undertake this form of private work nor would we approach house holders in this way”.

“Anyone who is approached in similar circumstances should contact the police or Trading Standards as soon as possible, or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111”.

For further information contact:

The main site office at Childerley Gate just north of the A428 at the Caldecote roundabout. If you want to contact the team for any reason please call our Public Liaison Officer on 01954 212940.

or write to:

Edmund Nuttall Ltd, Site Office, Childerley Gate, St Neots Road, Dry Drayton, Cambridge. CB3 8BE

For real time traffic information:

08700 660 115

www.highways.gov.uk/trafficinfo

24 hours a day, 365 days a year

(Calls from BT landlines to 0870 numbers will cost no more than 8p per minute; mobile calls usually cost more)

For general Highways Agency information:

08457 50 40 30

email: ha_info@highways.gsi.gov.uk

24 hours a day, 365 days a year

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Safe driving at roadworks

Remember that tiredness can kill. Take regular breaks from driving.



During 2005, five workers were killed and 12 seriously injured in the course of their work on Highways Agency roads. This was the worst year since 1999.

For the safety of all road users and roadworkers, drivers approaching roadworks are advised to:

- Keep within the speed limit – it is there for your safety
- Get into the correct lane in good time – don’t keep switching
- Concentrate on the road ahead, not the roadworks
- Be alert for works’ traffic leaving or entering roadworks
- Keep a safe distance – there could be queues in front
- Observe all signs – they are there to help you