From: Elaine Turner
Sent: 17 June 2022 14:16
To: Georgina Morgan-Denn
Subject: Externalan enquiry from Swindon Borough Council staff for permission to cut back shrubbery close to an adult social care service

Dear Haydon Wick Parish Council

I am hoping you will be able to assist with this enquiry, it has been here there and everywhere but I am hopeful that you will be the right place to respond favourably.

Swindon Borough Council adult social care are supporting 5 young adults with autism and learning disabilities in their own home in north Swindon. All 5 have a tenancy and are supported 24hrs daily by a skilled staff team commissioned by adult social acre (Saracen Care).

The property in question is on the outer edge of Haydon Wick Parish, we had thought initially that it would be under central Swindon North, but Cllr Renard has graciously corrected our error. The property address is Rosedale House, Purton Road, Swindon (just opposite the entrance to Chicory Close).

There is a request to install a reflector or mirror to aid with visibility you can see in the email trail below that this has been considered by the councils Highways teams.

The other request is to tend to the ever growing shrubbery along the property access, which is being kept under control as much as possible by the support provider with assistance from Swindon Borough Council. However, one side of the driveway is not within the boundary of the property and therefore we need to seek permission to cut it all back.

I have inserted an image below outlining the property and driveway in red for your information. The side that we think falls under Haydon Wick Parish Council is highlighted in yellow.

If there would be a charge for tending to this area my Housing colleagues would be happy to fund the cost, we just need to make the access to this property as safe as we can for the tenants, the staff team and visiting family.

I would be happy to provide you with any additional information you may require, please do let me know.



I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Many thanks

Elaine

From: Councillor David Renard
Sent: 11 April 2022 16:22
To: Hilary Willard
Subject: Re: Letter from your constituent Hilary Willard

Dear Hilary

Further to our previous exchanges, I have now had a Highways officer look at the location and assess the situation. His response to your two questions is as follows:

1. Request for a "reflector at the end of the driveway to see oncoming traffic might help" - I take this as being a request for a mirror like you sometimes see next to driveways on rural roads. Highway authorities are strongly discouraged from erecting mirrors on the highway. They can result in driver confusion, glare and reflection at night and in strong sunlight – and don't absolve drivers from directly observing approaching traffic at the entrance. The suggestion to cut back the trees and shrubs to improve visibility, up and down the road for vehicles emerging from the driveway – was made as an alternative suggestion to erecting a mirror.
2. Request "on the exit to the driveway a pedestrian crossing would make it much safer for young people to cross". There is a crossing point at the traffic signals a few metres west at the junction with Chicory Close. There is a path from the driveway of the property to that crossing point. We could not provide another crossing in such close vicinity – nor for such a small number of potential users. Hence the suggestion to use the existing crossing point – which is shown on this Google Streetview location.

https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@51.5858738,-1.8239022,3a,48.1y,42.56h,76.89t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1sLaeWr9luUrijAMn8mrf9kw!2e0!7i16384!8i8192?hl=en-GB

As we know, the location is challenging and there are no easy solutions although if the owner were to cut back the hedge, that may help.

Kind regards

David

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