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Dear Mr Harland,

Road Surface in Melbourne

I am the new Chair of Melbourne Parish Council and would like to ask for your help and support in an issue we have affecting the road surface of the village Main Street.


Our records show there was communication with you from the previous Chair, Pauline Lewin. A letter was sent to you dated 27/6/2017, advising of problems adjacent to Campey Lane as a result of settlement in reinstatements carried out by Yorkshire Water. Yorkshire Water was also sent a letter (of the same date, copied to you), informing of the impact on Main Street housing from trucks travelling over the uneven surface causing continuing vibration. It was pointed out that Highways confirmed they had advised YW of the defects and that all reinstatements were subject to at least two years guarantee. It was stated you had no input into YW timescales. Their response was, there were no outstanding issues.

Our letter to you was asking for your assistance in asserting authority over Yorkshire Water to smooth out the reinstatements. Unfortunately we cannot trace any response to our letter.

As a result of further drainage/sewerage problems a public meeting was held in September 2018 with YW and a member of the Highways team, at which YW agreed to take forward several actions. One of these was to look at the surface of Main Street from Campey Lane corner to the playing fields, and advise what action would be taken to alleviate problems with the road surface. Their response in November stated the reinstatement is permanent and they will not be making alterations to it.

We fully appreciate the support we have so far received from ERYC Highways on the issue of HGVs through the village, the upgrading of Ash Lane, updated signage, the speedy repair of minor potholes, and now the agreement to a possible weight limit. All these will help to reduce the impact of vibration, noise and increase road safety. However HGVs will still have access to the village for deliveries etc, so it is still incumbent on YW to smooth out the road surface to help minimise any future impact.

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It is understood you need a continued working relationship with YW, but we would ask that you review the situation with them and push them to make good the defects indicated by you/your Department in 2017. I do hope we can work together to resolve this problem. If you require further details or physical evidence, I would be happy to meet you at the site to point out our concerns.

Yours sincerely

Neil Cooper

Cc: Councillor Burton

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