

# Residents Questions

## Newhall – Bellway: 23.02.23

These are residents questions raised prior to the meeting. Some of the questions have been answered within the supporting document, **'Information Update: Newhall 2022/23'**.

### Questions from Bellway Residents:

- Q: Will signage be put in by the primary school as to who has to give way on each bump. **A number of times I've been met by other drivers who continue to drive at me when it's clearly my right of way. Also being by a school surely this should be more of a safety feature.**
- A: There will be no additional signage installed, there is enough space for 2 cars to pass at a low speed. There is no right of way for anyone, and the main purpose of this is to slow vehicles down. Experience elsewhere has shown that by adding a "Right Of Way" sign, there will be no speed reduction benefits. Newhall is a 20mph zone, and the motorist is to drive carefully and respectfully to other road users and especially pedestrians.
- Q: **Should honours pick up rubbish that are in the shrubs/ flower beds when they are maintaining. I've had to pick litter out and they do not even remove the cuttings just leave them on the shrub or flower bed they have cut.**
- A: Yes, if any of the landscaping team can see litter while they are maintaining front gardens, then yes they should be taking this away. Cuttings should also be removed and taken away once work has finished. I will be reporting this to Honours head office to make them aware of this, and I will also discuss with the team this week. It would be helpful if you could provide your address so I can escalate this. If you see an estate issue, then please report to [newhallestate@shw.co.uk](mailto:newhallestate@shw.co.uk)
- Q: **I'm extremely concerned about the narrowing of the road and speed bumps by the school, there is no signage to show who's right of way it is and I have been verbally abused a number of times as I have continued to go over the bump as the road narrows their side forcing them to drive at me or race to get across first, increasing the speed to well over the apparent 20mph. It does not fit 2 vehicles to cross at the same time as I would assume the purpose of this is to slow cars down on the approach of the school. Also the fencing which is along the side to where the Montessori nursery is blocks any view if a car is approaching from both directions of travel. I think it needs clear signage to show what to do and the fact it's right by a school which is only getting busier year by year should be a valid reason before anyone gets hurt.**
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- A: As part of traffic calmed by design throughout the development Newhall uses variable width streets, trees and planters in the carriage way, shared surface 'Raised Tables' at most junctions and deliberate uncertainty about right of way. In Bridge Street outside the school there are two additional raised tables together with road narrowing and no parking markings. Studies have found that these types of measures when combined help reduce the speed of traffic, which can in turn improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and other road users. Newhall Projects has liaised with the school and Essex highways on these matters and will continue to do so.

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A: Yes this is covered by the specification. Any landscaping/gardening concerns need to be raised to the estate manager and SHW.

**Q: When are the roads going to be adopted (originally 3-6 months stated from last meeting)?**

A: Please see Information Update: Newhall 2033/23

**Q: Are NHP still going ahead with the playground by the café**

A: Please see Information Update: Newhall 2033/23

**Q: When is cable going to be brought into Fusion.**

A: This is regularly chased with SCCI and we will give a response within the minutes of today's meeting.

**Q: What is happening with the Community Centre.**

A: A new barn survey has been completed and building regulation checks are now being done. After this the tender package will be issued, so we are getting a lot closer to the community centre works starting

**Q: When will there be elections for the residence association.**

A: The residents association will be established when the development is built. In the meantime, the Communication and Community Development Coordinator and the Estate Manager are launching the community ambassador initiative.

**Q: I know MG is not with us now, but she did say 6 monthly residence meetings will be put in place.**

A: The community ambassador system and the new coordinator role should ensure better communication going forward.

**Q: It will be interesting to see what Essex C.C. Say about adoption of the roads and pavements with the so called non repair of the pavement by Bellway.**

A: These repairs will need to be actioned prior to adoption.