



# PARAGON HIGHWAYS

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**Mrs Claire Moody – Caseworker Manager**

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Dear Mrs Moody

**RE: WOLFSTONE HEIGHTS FARM – PUBLIC INQUIRY**

I write in relation to the above impending Public Inquiry. Paragon Highways was instructed and duly commissioned to undertake Highways Surveys as identified in the attached report dated November 2020, issued in January 2021.

The reporting author was our co-director, Paul Howarth. However, in the last several months, Mr Howarth has retired. Unfortunately, neither myself nor anyone with sufficient experience in the organisation can attend the Public Inquiry during week commencing 23 August 2021. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause but assure you that this situation is unintended and unavoidable.

Nevertheless, I can on behalf of Paragon Highways confirm the authenticity and accuracy of what is reported in the attached and its conclusions, following surveys taken over a period of three years.

From our viewpoint, in our professional opinion there is no reason that this stopping up and diversion should not take place. It in fact results in a better and safer outcome compared with the present situation as described in the attached report.

As we are unable to attend the Inquiry, for completeness, we can consent to this letter and attachment being registered as evidence at the forthcoming Public Inquiry.

We can provide any clarification in relation to the attached report should it be required by the DfT in advance of the Inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

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Paragon Highways

cc. Noel Scanlon, Claire Moody, National Caseworker (DfT), The Planning Inspectorate – by email  
Encs: Paragon Highways, Highway Surveys Report.