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Parish Council's comment on an article in the May LINK about Swallowfield Nursery

An article on page 6 of the May edition of the Link magazine has caused some concern to both Councillors and at least one resident in the parish. That article reflects the Link editorial team's concerns about the potential hazards that may be caused by construction traffic once work begins on Swallowfield Nursery and queries what will happen to the village's bus service.

The last sentence of this Link article asks the Parish Council *"to tell us how traffic management is going to be handled"*.

The Link editors did not consult the Parish Council before printing the article which is a pity because the Parish Council could have helpfully pointed them towards HDC's decision letter on the Swallowfield Nursery development.

It is HDC who are responsible for safety during building works and HDC's decision letter therefore imposes pre-conditions on the developer of Swallowfield Nursery. One of the pre-conditions requires the developer to submit a Construction Management Plan. This must be approved by HDC, in consultation with West Sussex County Council Highways, before any work can commence. This Plan must cover, *"the method of access to and from the construction site"* including *"details regarding ... deliveries"* as well as ten other matters. This Construction Management Plan is to ensure the *"amenity of nearby occupiers and highway safety during construction"*.

The Construction Management Plan for Swallowfield Nursery should be available once HDC have approved it. Should there be any departures from it, then these can be referred to HDC's Enforcement Team, either by individual local residents or by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council assures local residents that it is always very vigilant and will report any departures from the Construction Management Plan to HDC.

Please contact the Parish Clerk if you feel that you need any further reassurance or information. Thank you.