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Councillor Emma Hoddinott

Mr Burrell

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Dear Mr Burrell

Thank you for your attendance at last week's Council meeting and for your supplementary question which I would like to respond to as follows: -

*"Mr. Burrell asked if the Council was aware that lorries were not using the A629 but coming from Sheffield up Droppingwell Road and using residential roads and the entrance to Grange Park Golf Club to turn re-approaching Droppingwell Road to turn into the site. This was without a banksman and in contrary to the highways recommendation in the 1994 enquiry entering and leaving the site by the entrance could cause significant danger to other road users and was the cornerstone of the highways objection which was upheld by enquiry not grant planning permission for this access so would the Council look into stopping this practice before someone was killed".*

The majority of the land surrounding Grange Landfill Site tip is owned by the Council. The owner of the tip was granted a right of way over the land owned by the Council in 1928. This right of access is still in place, and the Council is required therefore to allow access to the site by the contractor. Whilst the Council has no duty to keep the accessway in a useable condition, we cannot obstruct access to the site.

The historic agreement with the contractor is that this access is via the entrance off Droppingwell Road.

There are unfortunately no restrictions to traffic movements on the highway around the site. These would usually be specified at the Planning stage however the 1958 Planning Permission contains no such restrictions. The Council's assessment, however, shows that it is not safe for large vehicles to turn left into the site from the southern end of Droppingwell Road. Our view is therefore that the safe route for access via Droppingwell Road is from the A629, turning right into the site.

There is no agreement in place for the contractor to use the access road for Grange Park Golf Club.

As with any reversing manoeuvre in a large vehicle, the Health and Safety Executive would advise that the need for reversing is removed where possible through routing vehicles in a way that does not require the vehicle to reverse, or that a reversing assistant is used to minimise risk.

Given that you have witnessed vehicles using unsafe manoeuvres I have asked the Planning Department to contact the contractor specifically about this matter and if necessary refer them to the Health and Safety Executive.

On a separate note, the Council has received complaints about the safety of vehicle movements on the access road itself and has recently written to the contractor, asking them to set out in writing the measures they will take to ensure that pedestrians are protected during operational hours, and any operational restrictions they might consider to ensure that any risks presented by the movement of their vehicles are minimised.

I hope that the above information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Hoddinott', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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