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ALCONBURY PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 28.07.20

With regard to the COVID 19 outbreaks at the AMFRESH & MM FLOWERS factories, which share the same site at Alconbury Weald Industrial Estate

Since the 25 June there has been an increase in the number of Positive COVID-19 cases amongst the workforce, with a current total of 26 at the factories, 16 at AMFRESH and 10 at MMFLOWERS

Since being made aware of the outbreak the companies have been working closely with HDC Environmental Health Services, Cambridgeshire CC Public Health Team and Public Health England Health Protection team to put an agreed action plan into place.

All staff who have been effected, either testing positive or as close contacts have been told to self-isolate and to seek tests if symptoms develops

In addition, asymptomatic testing of all employees is being carried out with completion by today 28<sup>th</sup> July using a mobile testing unit.

This asymptomatic testing of staff will in the first instance identify any employees who are infected with the virus and the appropriate steps will be taken to prevent further transmission. It will also help to understand where and how the infection is spread across the work place and enable steps to be taken to mitigate any further transmission.

Both companies have been extremely collaborative and have worked with the local authorities and PHE to manage the outbreak. They have implemented a wide range of additional infection control procedures and changes to business as usual to help contain the situation and ensure they are operating a COVID -19 secure sites.

Measures taken include comprehensive hygiene practices (deep cleaning of high touch and high traffic areas including the packing facilities, one way systems within welfare areas, staggered shifts, Perspex screens, face coverings and social distancing.

With regard to the Alconbury School I had two meetings with the Headmistress and one including the Chairman of the Children's Committee, Officers and the Governors regarding the access to the school i.e. the prevention of vehicles entering the school, by additional fencing and a barrier. The costs of the scheme are now being drawn up.

The road in front of the school is to become a traffic free zone during opening and closing times. Parents will be encouraged to walk their children to school

With regard to the noise from the B1043 I had a meeting with Rebecca Britten at Urban & Civic, the signage on the roundabouts adjacent to Alconbury Weald will be altered to direct traffic via

the A1307 & A141 rather than the B1043. A survey of traffic movements on the adjacent roads is to be undertaken which will include the B1043. The new signage on the A14 & A1 should be going up shortly.

With regard to noise monitors I am informed by Environmental Health that road noise is specifically omitted from the act.

Cllr Ian Gardener

County & District Councillor for Alconbury

Resident of Alconbury

July 2020

Our Ref: CG/SF/NSM

Dear Resident

## **UPDATE ON CROWN GARDENS, ALCONBURY**

Following my previous letter in January 2020 to all residents in Alconbury, here is an update.

Due to Covid 19, the remodelling of Crown Gardens has been delayed and will now be completed in September 2020.

We listened to your concerns about car parking spaces. We have submitted a proposal for nine extra spaces to the planning department at Huntingdonshire District Council. If approved, there will be 14 car parking spaces.

We will also erect a 'No Ball Games' sign outside Crown Gardens to reduce noise levels for local residents.

On completion we will invite you to tour the building before residents move in so you can get a good idea of how the new accommodation will be run.

If you have any questions, please contact me on 0345 266 9760 or email [simon.leher@chorushomesgroup.co.uk](mailto:simon.leher@chorushomesgroup.co.uk).

Yours faithfully



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# Summary

- 320 families moved in. Covid delayed move-ins, but these are now happening again.
- School has 130 children, likely to rise to 156 in September. Some pressures on Reception, with aim to have 2 classes launching in September, with capacity to fill over the year. Start of 2 Form Entry roll-out.
- Play areas have been closed during Covid, but reopened last week, except the large slide.
- All new homes sales suite now open, with safety measures in place. Sales resumed at reasonable pace.
- Continued interest in next housing parcels from housebuilders, so some delay on timings where housebuilders furloughed staff etc, but no substantive changes.
- Currently all businesses on site seem to be managing, with some support. Deals have progressed with Roythornes taking more space, and new company moving into Incubator 2. Progress being made on the largest site left within Phase 1 (11 acres) for a new HQ/ R&D/ manufacturing agri-tech company.
- Travel planning and transport initiatives having light review, to explore bringing forward walking and cycling connections. Planned Shuttle Bus roll-out and Car Share promotion was paused, while full implications of social distancing on Covidas clarified, but should launch later this year.



Alconbury Parish Council  
Bank Reconciliation

Total of balances in bank accounts at 28th July 2020 £76,402.06

Less unrepresented cheques:

Date	Payee	ChqNo	Amount
27.05.20	ICO - DPR renewal	1170	£40.00
30.06.20	C Copley wages	1171	£673.35
30.06.20	Evolve Accountancy	1172	£90.00
30.06.20	ARFC	1173	£1,000.00
30.06.20	Day Today	1174	£192.00
30.06.20	HMRC - PAYE C Copley	1175	£39.20
28.07.20	C Copley - Clerk Wages	1176	£695.29
28.07.20	HMRC - PAYE C Copley	1177	£39.20
28.07.20	Four Seasons- Grass 4 of 6	S/O	£1,920.00
28.07.20	Four Seasons - Brook strim		£300.00
28.07.20	SIQP - Newsletters		£222.00
		Total	£5,211.04

Net bank balance at 28 July 2020 £71,191.02

Cash book

Opening balance £50,334.78  
Add: Receipts £33,361.83  
Less: Payments £12,505.59

Balance as per cash book at 28th July 2020 £71,191.02

Signed.....

Responsible Financial Officer

Date.....