SITE NEWS – NOVEMBER 2021

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SCHOOL

Very little to say other than I'm told Berkeley are continuing to negotiate a deal. I've had no update from SCC (Somerset County Council).

ESTATE APPROACH ROAD FROM ASDA

All done, although I've had a couple of comments that the finish is not as good as was hoped. Fortunately, most of the road will be adopted by SCC. The picture below, on the right, shows the currently adopted section ie up to the layby at the bottom of the hill, whilst the picture on the left shows what will be adopted ie up to the edge of the estate at the top of the hill. I understand that SCC will assess the road prior to adoption.





HANDOVER OF THE ESTATE INCLUDING DEALING WITH SNAGS

No news. Our Remus contact, who offered to visit the site and meet up in September hasn't arranged anything yet. Of course, they might have visited the site but I'm not aware that they have.

Some of the larger snags we identified, mainly road & pavement, are being sorted, so there is some good news. I suspect they were going to be done anyway but I like to think that our nudge helped.

I visited the Play area, armed with the approved plans, and notified Persimmon that all seems to be compliant apart from the absence of a cycle rack. I also told them about the bins apparently not being emptied and they replied as follows:

14th October - I have passed this on to our on-site rep. He is checking with Grass Valet, as they are responsible for the emptying of the bins. It may be a case of emptying more regularly, but we will come back to you.

22nd October - I have heard back from the company and if time, they will get someone to attend this afternoon; but failing that, it will be Monday.....

Our next snags survey will be on the street lights.

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER

This was covered in some detail in Newsletter No.27 June 2021. (Note: all Newsletters are available on www.edmundparkfrome.com)

Easton Bevins responded to my latest enquiry with

Very little to report unfortunately. I will check on whether we have heard back from the project manager.

... but I've not received a follow-up to that.

TRAVEL PLAN (see www.edmundparkfrome.com/travel-plan)

As I've written, boringly and frustratingly in recent months, the major challenge continues to be attempting any degree of catch up on this largely forgotten item. The latest response from Jubb, who are responsible for co-ordinating the Travel Plan is ...

We are currently in discussions with SCC in relation to baseline travel surveys and how these would be undertaken. This is still in development however it is envisaged that this will be in the form of a letter drop which will include a link to an online survey. The online survey would include a series of questions in relation to travel habits and preferences and factors that would encourage more travel via sustainable modes. Once this has been agreed in full I will provide you with an update prior to undertaking these surveys as evidently a good response rate helps provide an understanding of the travel patterns and views of local residents.

I still remain optimistic ©
Best regards
John Corfield