

Comments by Cedar Lodge near neighbour, Julie Huntington, 4th February 2025

As the immediate neighbour of Eastfield House/Cedar Lodge, I feel compelled to respond to yesterday's Eastfield Lane construction and road safety update from Parish Council Chairman, Jim Donahue. Although, as a resident I welcome an update, I was surprised at the positive tone, particularly since the views of the neighbours were not canvassed. To balance this out, may I add the following:

- The state of the lane is still atrocious and a health and safety issue, particularly because the nearest neighbours are elderly, visually impaired and have mobility issues. The lane should be drained and swept on a weekly basis not as a Christmas "goodwill" one-off.
- Parking by construction workers in the lane has not lessened. It is disingenuous to suggest that this is due to the amount of construction sites on the lane, since Cedar Lodge is ten times the size of any other project. As residents we see where the van drivers head every day!
- As neighbours we feel bullied and deceived. The latest example of this is the siting of the property's plant room, which was not shown on any of the plans submitted in August last year. In December myself and another neighbour were told by the site manager that the plant (ie noisy generators and aircon units) would be spread over the entire building. We found out just last week on 29th January, that the plant room is going to be situated 5 metres from our house. Details can be found on the planning portal by accessing the link below.

A lot of the update issued yesterday puts a positive spin on the actions of a commercial enterprise which has caused misery to those living closest to it. Finally, can I reiterate that residents were not canvassed as to their views before this statement was put out.

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