

## **Question from Nick Ireland to the Cabinet Member for Natural and Built Environment regarding Silverlake - West Stafford Bypass**

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As part of an S106 agreement back in 2014, the owners/developers of Warmwell Quarry (now known as Silverlake) agreed to provide land to Dorset County Council for the provision of a new, safer road between Crossways and the West Stafford bypass.

As an additional sweetener, Network Rail would also provide funding to DCC as the new route would enable a level crossing to be closed.

This agreement was the result of the 1000 unit/holiday home permission granted to Silverlake.

Since then, Crossways has had an additional 500 homes granted planning permission on a site South of Warmwell Road, 85 homes (likely to be increased to 140) granted permission adjacent to Frome Valley Road, and 49 next to Oaklands Park.

With the WDDC Local Plan Review underway, it seems certain that yet another 500 homes will be green-lit for the land between Frome Valley School and the railway line.

Four years on from the agreement, DCC have shown no signs of getting the new road built and the main route for Crossways residents to reach Dorchester and the A35 is a tortuous, unsafe 'D' class road (the D21332) which isn't even on the priority salting network.

It is unfair on the village of Crossways (and also its neighbours of Warmwell, Owermoigne and Moreton) to be used as the go-to dumping ground for satisfying housing allocation targets without receiving any benefit from transport infrastructure improvements.

Can the Cabinet explain this lack of progress and why the new road isn't being given the priority it deserves?