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Dear Jonathan,

Many thanks for your letter of 13th December 2005 and for your good wishes for the festive season which we have all enjoyed immensely.

Many residents have received your information sheets. However, as I discussed at a meeting with Mark Luzi last November, some of the information on these sheets is not in plain English as we had agreed. Mark also agreed that there was some information that was either incorrect or omitted. I was hoping that this would have been rectified before these sheets were distributed. For example your map showing the Hills Spine Route shows it terminating at Stoneville Road whereas it will continue east to Bunning Road, Mt. Helena. Also, there is no mention or map of the Brooking Road By-pass which will be constructed when Roland Road is re-aligned with Brooking Road. The resultant construction and increase in traffic flows will affect a large number of residents. It has come to our attention that residents in Hovea who will be affected by the Bypass and similarly residents of Brooking Road have not received information sheets. I trust that this can be rectified as soon as possible. I hope that a meeting can be arranged with Mark urgently so that we can agree the necessary changes and update residents accordingly.

Regarding the erection of appropriate signage we would be pleased to hear the outcome of your meeting with the Stoneville developers on this issue. Construction work started on the Parkerville development before Christmas and one of our members has been told by Rundin Realty that they will begin their sales promotion this month. Therefore we need to act urgently to ensure these signs go up as soon as possible. It is our belief that the Shire should erect a sign clearly indicating the scope of the proposed development at the entrance to Hidden Valley Road since it is unlikely the developers will ever agree to do so voluntarily. It is clear to us that if this does not happen, we will soon have another group of residents who have been completely misled as to the amenity value of the land they are purchasing. Furthermore, I'm sure you'll agree the Shire is bound to act in the best interests of both existing and future residents as a priority and not necessarily in the best interests of the developers.

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Thank you for the information regarding the Hills Spine Road. However, we do have a couple of questions on this issue. Could you confirm that the costs apportioned to the Mundaring Shire only apply to the section of Spine Road that runs through the Shire? Much of the Hills Spine Road is within the City of Swan and cannot go ahead without their agreement and co-operation. Has the City of Swan agreed their contribution? What is the current estimated cost of this upgrade and what percentage has been apportioned to Mundaring Shire?

We are pleased to note that Councillor Beaton will now be replying to residents' enquiries in writing thereby avoiding any future misunderstandings. We trust he will reply to direct questions with equally direct and meaningful answers unlike Helen Dullard's response to several of our members which is simply a pro-forma letter, identical in each case, where none of the questions are answered. Councillors seem to have forgotten that they are elected to represent and look after the interests of the residents of the Shire. Many residents do not believe that the majority of Councillors are acting on their behalf but are in fact pursuing their own personal interests - it is up to the Councillors to dispel this belief by honouring their responsibilities.

Regarding the Council's inability to revoke planning decisions, as discussed at our meeting with you we have always understood the difficulties that exist. Ultimately, it is the West Australian Planning Commission that retains final approval on these developments not the council and it is them that we seek to influence. However, we will stand a much better chance of getting things changed if we have the support of the Shire Councillors.

It has come to our attention that un-treated sewage from the Mundaring Sewage Plant is being trucked down the hill for processing because the plant is at full capacity. We understand that this is being done at some considerable expense to the ratepayers. We would like to know what the costs are, how long has this been happening and how long will it continue? Also, what plans are in place to remedy this situation?

Finally we would like to know what land is currently available in Mundaring townsite for future retirement accommodation and why this is not being developed?

I trust you have no objection to your reply being published on our website as is our usual practice?

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Davies", enclosed within a hand-drawn oval scribble.

Mike Davies