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Council met and discussed the pipeline through the village of Donisthorpe. This is the outcome to be recorded

The gas pipe installation appears to have been performed by a company with limited expertise. They originally fitted the pipework without a number of safety fittings and, after they left the site Cadent have spent many months repairing the faults and fixing leaks. Many faulty sections were removed and replaced even before the pipe goes into service. The serious interruption to the road surface gulley drainage is impossible to repair without further major disruption and cost and no amount of survey / camera testing will produce a convincing argument to the contrary.

Council have already submitted at least 16 video clips giving evidence of these issues.

As a result of these issues, ODA Parish council need assurances as follows:

1. We need a categorical assurance that the pipe, as now installed, is operationally safe and fully compliant with the specification.

2. We need assurance that the permanent, below ground, damage to the road gulley drainage system will not compromise the quality of the road surface of Church Street. If damage does occur because of this installation, we need assurances that the County Council will repair it swiftly and with minimal disruption to the village community of Donisthorpe.

3. The buried road bridge on Church Street will act as a potential storage reservoir ( in the settlement below the 3 bridge arches ) for the surface drainage water which has been redirected because of the gas pipe installation. We need a categoric guarantee that any such water will not cause, over time, flooding or a danger to life in the Ramscliffe area adjacent to Church Street.

4. Finally, we need confirmation that the video evidence should be safely stored for at least 20 years for future use in the event of a major incident (ODA PC/ LCC & Cadent all have been sent copies).

The following ticket has been updated:

Ticket #: 1650823

Subject: Legal Advice Requird

Status: Open

Priority: Important

Category: Legal proceedings

Date: Wed, 18 Jan 2023 15:19:57 +0000

Author: Jake Atkinson

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Hi Kelly,

Please see the response below from Louise. I will monitor further responses, but please do contact us again if you have not had a response within a few weeks.

Jake

Dear Jake,

Happy New Year to you too (no it's not too late).

How strange. I was just discussing this with a colleague this morning. I think having unpicked the thread below these are the points that requiring answering. Unfortunately, we are currently not able to respond to these points as we are still in discussions with the relevant parties. Please be assured we have not forgotten this and are actively working towards a resolution.

Best Wishes Louise Bennett