

2nd May 2018 – Notes of meeting with Business 2 following Business/Employment Survey

There are 4 businesses at this site in the Parish and between them they employ 50 staff.

A358 and trade:

Two of the businesses are extremely dependant on passing traffic for trade. Proposals to divert the A358 to the south west would bypass this location and probably result in the closure of those and severely damage the others. If the A358 were to be diverted, then it would be best if it re-joined the existing A358 having bypassed Henlade at the Tarmac works.

Footpaths:

There are no footpaths along the roads of Thornfalcon. For example, people have been injured walking along the grass verge to the businesses from Stoneyhead Caravan Park. The provision of some footpaths would help to bring the community together as well as improving road safety.

Utilities:

Utilities here are very poor.

Internet provision here is very weak. Typical download speeds of 6 mbps. Barely adequate for running a modern business. This compares to Ruishton where 17mbps and 76mbps on fibre are possible. The connectivity needs to be improved across the parish.

Electricity supply is frequently interrupted when there is bad weather, especially storms causing power surges and outages. During periods of bad weather this can happen several times during a single week. This is a major headache. It causes all of the tills, card machines and IT to crash on even the smallest flicker of power. Everything then needs to be reset which can take up to 15 minutes and lots of frustrated customers. Improvements to the local power supply is necessary.

There is no mains drainage or mains gas.

Site potential:

There is potential to expand the site to create new employment opportunities for local people and reduce reliance on passing traffic especially so if A358 is to be diverted to SW.