

# Short cut fears for residents

PEOPLE living on a Southwell road are concerned that buses will start using it as a short cut to a school. A bridge on Halloughton Road, linking Nottingham Road with Westgate, has been strengthened.

The road is now suitable for heavier vehicles and residents are worried that will mean an increase in heavy traffic.

They are particularly concerned that buses travelling to the Minster School on Nottingham Road will use it as a short cut.

The road is heavily used by pedestrians, particularly children walking to the Minster School and Holy Trinity Infants' School on Westgate.

## Damaged

In some places the road is narrow and there is little room for cars to pass each other.

Residents have written to the town council, the Minster School and Nottinghamshire County Council asking them to ensure buses do not use Halloughton Road.

Town councillor Mrs Molly Toy, speaking at a meeting of the town council planning committee on Wednesday, said properties on Westgate had been damaged by lorries.

"I have been made aware of one house that has had its garden wall knocked down by lorries turning out of Halloughton Road on to Westgate twice since the road was strengthened.

"If buses start to use the road it will be very dangerous for pedestrians."

The committee chairman, Mr

Brendan Haigh, said the council would contact the school about the problems.

"We will ask them to clarify the bus routes for September and point out the problems the buses would have if they used Halloughton Road," he said.

Residents of Halloughton Road want the Minster School to put signs on the road telling sixth form pupils that they are not allowed to park there.

They are concerned that there is no provision for parking for sixth formers at the new school site and so they will park on Halloughton Road and add to traffic problems.

## Power plans on show

AN EXHIBITION of plans for the redevelopment of Staythorpe Power Station will be displayed in Southwell.

A new gas-fired power station costing £600m will be built by RWE npower on the site of the coal-fired station at Staythorpe that was demolished in 1996.

The exhibition will be at Southwell Library from Tuesday until the end of the month.

The chairman of the town council planning committee, Mr Brendan Haigh, said it was important people from Southwell had an opportunity to look at the plans.

"We will take some of the construction traffic through the town and we expect that a lot of people involved with working at the power station will live in Southwell," he said.

Building work is expected to start this year. It is hoped that 80 new jobs will be created when the power station opens.

The exhibition includes information on how it will affect surrounding communities.



THIS year's floods on Leeway Road, Southwell (above left) are nothing new. Residents are pictured, above, clearing up after one of 15 previous floods in the last 20 years.

# Street suffering repeat flooding

RESIDENTS of a Southwell street affected by the recent flooding believe Severn Trent could have prevented the problems.

Houses on Leeway Road have flooded at least 15 times in the last 20 years.

People living there say Severn Trent started work on the drains more than ten years ago to prevent their homes flooding again.

Mr Eddie Grey said in 1993 Severn Trent started work to provide drains from the road to the River Greet but the work was never finished.

"I first told Severn Trent about the problem in 1983 and I have letters dating back to then," he said.

"We want them to come and finish what they started. If they did I'm sure we wouldn't have a problem."

## Filled

The June floods affected 12 homes on Leeway Road. Although most escaped serious damage gardens were filled with dirty water which entered some houses.

"A lot of people have put down wooden floors or tiling now so they can clean the water out when it does come in because it happens regularly but we shouldn't have to do that," said Mr Grey.

Residents of Leeway Road met Nottinghamshire county councillor Mr Bruce Laughton and Newark and Sherwood District Council environmental health department to discuss the problem.

"We now know that Severn Trent have already done an investigation on Leeway Road and there are historical plans for a scheme to prevent flooding in the future," said Mr Laughton.

"It is unacceptable that residents are having to deal with flooding on a regular basis.

"Damage to people's properties could be

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prevented if Severn Trent did the work they said they would.

"I can't believe that this problem has been going on without something being done about it."

Mr Laughton said he would ask someone from Severn Trent to investigate the problems on Leeway Road.

"The floods are bringing to a head the

ongoing battle many people have had to get work done to protect their properties," he said.

A spokesman for Severn Trent said: "We will always look to investigate flooding problems from our sewers, and try and alleviate these problems where we can.

"Engineers will continue to look at what needs to be done in areas that have problems."

## Hearing test snub

Only one person took advantage of free hearing tests offered in Southwell.

Arnold Hearing Care provided hearing tests from a van in the Market Place last week.

Trained audiologists were available to advise on possible treatment.

The van was in the Market Place for two hours but only one person had a hearing test.

The van will return to Southwell Market Place at the end of the month.



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