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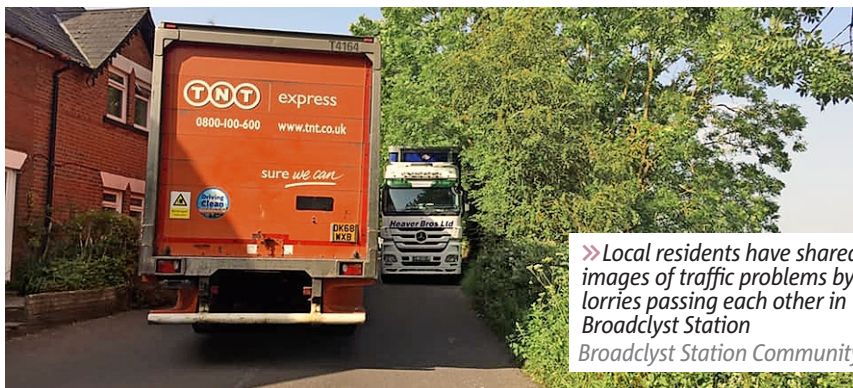
Logistics firm applies to move to trading estate in village

AN application has been submitted for a new operating centre to move into a village trading estate where residents have long complained about noise and dangerous traffic congestion.

Swindon-based OPX Logistics Ltd is seeking to keep five vehicles and five trailers at Lodge Trading Estate in Station Road, Broadclyst Station.

The trading estate is already home to haulage company Heaver Brothers Ltd and also international courier delivery company TNT. A lot of complaints have been made by locals who say large-vehicle/heavy traffic volume companies should never have been permitted to operate in the rural residential area.

They say the narrow roads make it difficult for large vehicles to negotiate their way through. Photographs have



» Local residents have shared images of traffic problems by lorries passing each other in Broadclyst Station
Broadclyst Station Community

often been shared on social media showing stationary traffic as lorries attempt to pass each other in narrow lanes, which residents say shows the road is not suitable for HGVs.

OPX Logistics is required to advertise public notices to inform people of its plans. Anyone with concerns is invited to write to the Traffic Commissioner, who is responsible for licensing and

regulating operators of heavy goods vehicles, public service vehicles and local bus services.

The notice states: “Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NE, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice.

“Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant (at OPX Logistics Ltd of Ignition Park, Faraday Road, Swindon, SN3 5FB).

“A guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.”

Firm marks anniversary with move to larger premises and expanding team

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A LONG-STANDING independent company has celebrated its 25th anniversary with a move to Newton Abbot.

Formerly known as Rendle & Elliott Carpentry & Joinery Ltd, the company was established in Dartmouth in 1997 by Adrian Rendle and Wayne Elliott.

Now known as Wistman's Ltd, and based at Heathfield Industrial Estate, the firm works with private customers and commercial clients across the UK.

Wistman's provides a personal service, from design and manufacture in the workshop to delivery, installation and fitting on-site, all carried out by experienced and skilled professionals. The company designs and creates high-end architectural joinery and carpentry.

Mr Elliott said: “Having worked with Adrian at a local building firm for a couple of years, we decided it was time to go into business together and set up Rendle & Elliott. Initially, we rented a small unit at the Old Abattoir in Dartmouth where I was based in the workshop full-time, and Adrian went out on site; it was a great partnership.

“As time moved on we outgrew the premises and were lucky to have one of our best customers arrange for us to rent a workshop in Blackawton and the business grew from there. We gradually took on more and more joiners and carpenters and needed to move to bigger premises at an industrial unit in Dartmouth in 2014.”

In 2021 Mr Rendle decided to retire from the company and sold his 50 per cent share to Jeremy Robinson, who joined as a director and moved the



» Directors Jeremy Robinson and Joe Maddison of Wistman's Ltd, which has relocated to Newton Abbot

Glen King

business to larger premises, which he owns in Heathfield. Last week Mr Elliott also stepped down as a director but remains a shareholder.

The inspiration for the new name was the Dartmoor woodland known as Wistman's Wood, at Two Bridges.

Jeremy said: “Rendle & Elliott's reputation for creating superior craftsmanship for many years means much of its work is down to customer recommen-

dations – and this was true for me! I commissioned it to build four yurt-inspired cedar-clad buildings which my wife and I designed for our holiday rental business. We were so impressed with the quality of the workmanship that I asked it to carry out further bespoke carpentry throughout the house, which was highly specialised and beautifully created by the in-house craftsmen.

“The work was so stunning that when I heard Adrian was ready to retire, I didn't hesitate to offer to become a shareholder with Wayne and I'm proud to be part of Wistman's.”

He added: “After 25 years, the business is thriving, and I'm delighted to say that with the move to a larger in-house workshop, we have been able to take on more staff and are recruiting more employees from the local area.”