

Application Reference: DM/26/0073 Erection of 44 new homes

Location: Land off West Hoathly Road, East Grinstead

Planning Officer Joseph Swift

Comments submitted by Disability Access – East Grinstead

The Design and Access Statement submitted with the planning application includes an accessibility section. This does not address the lack of a proper footpath on the eastern side of West Hoathly Road. Pedestrians leaving or arriving at the development will need to cross West Hoathly Road from the narrow footpath on the western side. There is a bend on West Hoathly Road at this location and vehicle speeds will be relatively high either going up or down the hill.

These issues are exacerbated for those people that Disability Access represents, namely those with reduced mobility, using mobility equipment and parents with children in prams and buggies. We consider that a light controlled pedestrian crossing near the new development entry/exit point should be provided and adjacent footpaths should be widened to facilitate the safe use of mobility aids.