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**Our Ref: VRP1493-01-L1**

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Dear David,

**Re: Designer's Response to Stage 1 Road Safety Audit for Highfields West Hill, East Grinstead**

Thank you for your email relating to the Designers Response to problem 4.1 raised in the Stage 1 RSA report for the highway access serving the Highfields, West Hill, East Grinstead in West Sussex, RKS Associates Reference Number VRP1493- RSA 1 (December 2022). It is noted that the highway authority have accepted the Designers Response to the other issues raised in our report with the exception of problem 4.1 which they have requested the Audit Team view if the problem raised in the RSA has been mitigated.

**Problem 4.1:**

Summary: Potential risk of pedestrian collisions

*Location: Pedestrian access to and from the development*

The proposals indicate that the proposed access will facilitate vehicle movements to and from the development, but no details have been provided relating to pedestrian access from West Hill. There is concern that pedestrians will walk within the vehicular access, where they will be at risk of being struck by passing/turning traffic.

**Recommendation:**

Ensure that suitable facilities are provided for pedestrians accessing the proposed development from West Hill.

**Designers Response:**

Pedestrians will not access the site from West Hill and suitable signage will be placed in this regard at the entrance and within the site. All pedestrian movements would be to and from the site via the existing access onto West Street directly onto appropriate footways.

It is acknowledged that WSCC fully understand that pedestrian access is to be taken from the existing access onto West Hill which is the most direct route into the town. The introduction of signage at the new site access provides a preventative measure and should deter pedestrians from using the proposed access.

It is suggested by WSCC that consideration should be given for the provision of a footway between the retaining wall and the new access carriageway and a section of hardstanding/ footway on the southern side of West Hill to provide some form of provision 'to cater for pedestrians attempting to access the site from the site access.

However, the introduction of the hardstanding is likely to encourage pedestrians crossing West Hill at a location where they will have to negotiate vehicles parking along the northern side of West Hill. Furthermore, the alignment of West Hill may restrict visibility for pedestrians attempting to cross at the site access thereby putting pedestrians at a greater risk of being stuck by passing traffic.

Given the above factors it is recommended that the no provision for hardstanding is provided at the site access, however the designers response of proposed signage, along with other measures proposed including a staff and visitor travel plan and potentially the use of CCTV should suitably address this potential risk, and it is therefore RKS's view that this issue has been adequately mitigated against.

Please contact me if you require any further assistance.

Yours sincerely



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Designers Response to Stage 1 RSA Highfields, West Hill, East Grinstead, West Sussex  
Brundell Property Drawing Number: 2205-P-109 Revision B – Proposed Access Road Levels