

Katherine Williams

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Sent: 26 August 2025 10:51
To: Katherine Williams
Subject: Land rear of Woodlands Close DM/25/1593

Dear Ms. Williams. Further to my previous comments I would like to expand on some of the other comments made. The formation of this access road, demolishing the house next door to me that shares a garage wall, has caused my husband and I some concerns. The communal wall is single brick and has gaps along the top as it was originally constructed as a pair of adjoining car ports. The downpipe from the front gutter is not in our garden and there will be no drain or soakaway for the rainwater. This will need to be addressed and made good before the construction of the road is started, as will suitable secure boundary walls/fences.

The construction and residential traffic will have an adverse effect on our cul-de-sac. From the amount of traffic entering and leaving the Burleighwoods Estate nearby I know it will be day and night and not just at the peak times. That junction has been deemed dangerous because of the speed of traffic entering the crossroads junction with Kiln Road and Woodlands Close. Parked cars add to the congestion and if this road is built it will cause problems with on street parking for our delivery and maintenance vehicles. The new road will isolate a bungalow between two access roads, which is totally unacceptable. With our doctors surgery in special measures, patients are having to drive to East Grinstead and Burgess Hill for appointments and to Crawley for blood tests. Children are unable to get into the local school and parents are having to drive to Turners Hill, Felbridge, Copthorne and East Grinstead - all additional vehicle movements unaccounted for. With the limited availability in our two small local shops we are having to drive to supermarkets or have our groceries delivered. With Gatwick Airport and care workers doing shift work, traffic is moving all through the night. This access road is totally unacceptable, being right on our doorsteps.

We recently were unable to park on our driveway for three weeks as Southern Water had to dig a large hole to locate a broken black pitch fibre sewer pipe. There are several runs of this construction under Woodlands Close and Kiln road that will be weakened by the construction traffic. The sewer along the back of our gardens will be directly under the new road, but only three feet down, and there is a danger that this will be fractured during the roadworks leaving us unable to use our kitchens and bathrooms. We will probably continue to do so, but that is another story. There is no capacity in the Woodlands Close sewers for a further 48 houses. They are, I believe, 6inch pipes. The developers say they will divert 24 houses through Burleighwoods, which their management team will prevent, so we will have to take the whole 48. The new sewers must be constructed prior to building works commencing, as they will be down the new road and across Woodlands Close.

The site is level with our bedroom/bathroom windows. Water runoff from the field occurs during wet weather, and is causing subsidence to the banks in our garden. This has got worse since Burleighwoods was built ten years ago and we are not confident that the developers will take the measures needed to stop the runoff from this new development causing further damage to our gardens.

Local wildlife have lost their habitat with recent developments nearby. [REDACTED]

Thank you for reading our concerns. I hope they will be taken into account when the time comes to discuss this application. Kind regards, [REDACTED]