

4 Meadow View  
Sayers Common  
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I wish to raise my objections and concerns regarding this development. I would ask that my concerns are read and taken into account when planning permission is decided.

### Road Safety Reeds Lane

The Reeds Lane road was built at a time when there were very few properties surrounding it and therefore very little traffic or footfall to necessitate pavement.

The situation with the recent and ongoing Elivia development (all but opposite the proposed access to this Antler development) added to the recent years development of the extensive King's Business Estate and vast Avtrade, has substantially increased traffic, in particular HGV traffic.

There is no pavement at all on the North side of Reeds Lane. Therefore children and adults have no option but to walk in the road to access both the football pitch and the boule pitch on this north side (see photos attached below which were taken within 50 metres of the proposed access road to the Antler development)

On the South side there is a non standard width narrow pavement.

The road itself is 2 car width.

To access the play park on the South side pedestrians must use the narrow foot path. Therefore if, for example, a person in a wheelchair or a parent with a buggy is on that path, any other pedestrian walking towards them has to step into the road to pass them.

To further exacerbate the danger of stepping into this extremely busy road, the South side which runs alongside the play park is lined with parked cars, belonging largely, to the staff of local businesses such as in Kings business estate.

My fear is that with increased traffic from these, and the 4 other developments planned in Sayers Common, that it will only be a matter of time before a child is killed attempting to visit the park.

The photos attached were taken over just a 5 minute period, as you can see in 2 of the 3 photos there are 2 heavy duty vehicles passing through during that short time.

This constant flow of heavy traffic makes it extremely hazardous for children to safely reach the football pitch on the north side or if approaching the Play Park on south side from the north side of Reeds Lane.

It is a basic safety essential therefore, that the North side has a pavement and double yellow lines throughout its length on both sides.

In addition I would suggest that a No Entry sign be placed just beyond Kings Business Estate entrance heading west to ensure the road safety of pedestrians in this currently extremely dangerous area of our Village.

All HGV heading to Avtrade will therefore approach from the west end of Reeds Lane. Avtrade has plentiful space for HGVs to turn around and exit heading west back out of Reeds Lane.

### Water Supply

It was reported on the **BBC** that in July this year South East water imposed a hosepipe ban

to the whole Haywards Heath and soundings villages, Sayers Common being one. They reported that the ban was due to The Ardingly Reservoir water level standing at a dangerously low 30% full according to the Met Office. ***This hosepipe ban is still in place as of today, the 28th November.*** This is not an exceptional situation, recent years have seen numerous periods of hosepipe bans in our area. How can this one reservoir take the additional demand for water that housing developments such as this require.

Insurance against flooding:

Our village already suffers greatly from flooding, which escalates into drainage issues and raw sewage entering housing, as can be evidenced by several households. You have already had several photos evidencing flooding. Is the council and developer so confident there will not be any additional flooding issues that they are prepared to underwrite the residents insurance of both this housing development and any other dwellings that are impacted by flooding following the completion of this site.

Housing Demand:

Whilst I fully appreciate and applaud the governments plan to deliver housing to full-fill the demand. Living in Sayers Common does not seen appeal to all. This is evidenced by the volume of new (and older properties) that remain up for sale for a considerable lengths of time. One would question why more properties are to be built in this village when there are so many, in particular new properties, that are ready to be occupied and yet have sat empty for a not inconsiderable lengths of time.





