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To: Joseph Swift
Subject: Highway Safety Concerns Relating to DM/26/0073 – Dunnings Road / West Hoathly Road Blind Bend

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Dear Joseph Swift,

I hope you are well. I am writing as a resident of Streatfield Place to raise urgent concerns regarding the existing highway safety issues at the junction of Dunnings Road and West Hoathly Road, particularly at the blind bend immediately adjacent to the proposed development site for application DM/26/0073.

This weekend highlighted the severity of the problem. A large event at the local pub resulted in continuous parking from Stockwell Road to Coombe Hill Road. Vehicles were parked tightly along both sides of the carriageway, creating significant obstruction and severely limiting visibility at the blind bend. Exiting Streatfield Place became extremely difficult in either direction, with several near misses observed. One vehicle on our road was damaged, and many pub visitors were forced to turn around at the bottom of Streatfield Place due to the pub car park being closed.

This is not an isolated incident. Similar congestion occurs during school holidays when Sunnyside Recreation Ground is busy. The combination of:

- Heavy parking
- A blind bend with restricted visibility
- High pedestrian activity, including young families and dog walkers creates a dangerous pinch point that already struggles to operate safely under current conditions.

Given this existing risk, I am extremely concerned that the proposed development of 42 new homes—likely introducing around 80 additional vehicles—will exacerbate the situation further. The location of the new access point, positioned just beyond the blind bend, raises serious questions about cumulative impact and whether the current highway assessment fully reflects real-world conditions.

I would respectfully request that this matter is reviewed as part of the application assessment. I also ask that West Sussex County Council Highways be invited to undertake a site visit during a busy period to reassess parking behaviour, visibility constraints, and pedestrian safety at this location.

I have taken video footage of Saturday's parking and traffic conditions and would be happy to provide this to assist your review.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate your attention to this important safety matter.

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