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Subject: Application No. DM/25/0735 Proposed New Crossover

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We would like to comment that, in general, we are in favour of the proposed changes to the Castle Inn at Hickstead. Our view is that it will greatly enhance an area that has been run down for many years.

However, we do have concerns regarding the Proposed New Crossover to the Southwest of the site which are listed as follows;

- 1 Proposed Change of use from a garden area to a driveway, the use of which has not been clarified and is very close to our own property. This proposed driveway could impede entrance and exit to our own property during busy times. There is already a very wide access area into the car park on the eastern side of the Castle Inn, so why is another driveway required.
- 2 Hickstead Lane is already used as a "Rat Run" by heavy lorries and other commercial vehicles as well as domestic traffic.
- 3 The access to the proposed drive is very close to two driveways on the opposite side of Hickstead lane.
- 4 This part of Hickstead lane becomes exceedingly congested by horseboxes when the showground is open and traffic queues have been known to form across the bridge over the A23 major trunk road. Therefore, further traffic is not desirable.

We hope that Mid Sussex will take these comments into consideration when making the decision on the proposed New Crossover.

Thank you.

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