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Dear Ms Poole

Whilst aware that there are sites in Robertsbridge which are currently under consideration for development, we would like to make a few points about the Vicarage Land proposal for the construction of ten units.

Having lived in Fair Lane for only four years, we became concerned early on about the difficulty residents have in parking and also in passing, especially at busy times of the day and also at weekends. A number of residents have business vehicles which of necessity take up considerable space in what is a narrow lane and also a cul de sac. A dentist has a busy practice in the street which also means a considerable number of extra vehicles searching for parking spaces. There is only one place that can be used to turn around and that is at the very top of Fair Lane at the very point where the development is proposed.

The situation, though difficult and often quite frustrating for all the Fair Lane residents, would become extremely serious with the development of the Vicarage Land. Ten units would not necessarily mean ten more vehicles, but doubtless nearer twenty and probably closer to forty in our car owning society. Given the tendency for people to own larger vehicles these days, especially in the country, we can be fairly sure that serious congestion would occur, greater pollution emitted from idling engines, leaving aside the hazards to be endured by pedestrians. The present situation is only just tenable, but the addition of a ten unit estate in this small and densely residential narrow lane with the attendant services and amenities, would lead to extreme inconvenience, potential danger, and restriction of access for emergency and commercial vehicles.

It is to be hoped that this particular site will be considered with extreme caution. Other sites in the village present greater ease of access and should surely be more practical and environmentally acceptable

We do hope these comments will be of constructive help

Yours sincerely

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