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Dear Mr Ghani,

I am writing to you, as a resident of Luddesdown, concerning the recent approval of a vineyard in Gold Street. I have serious concerns about the safety of this site with regard to vehicle access. Please can you confirm whether a site visit took place before the development was given approval?

The attached photographs demonstrate these concerns, and I am compelled to raise this matter before an accident occurs.

There is one gate allowing vehicle access to the vineyard site.



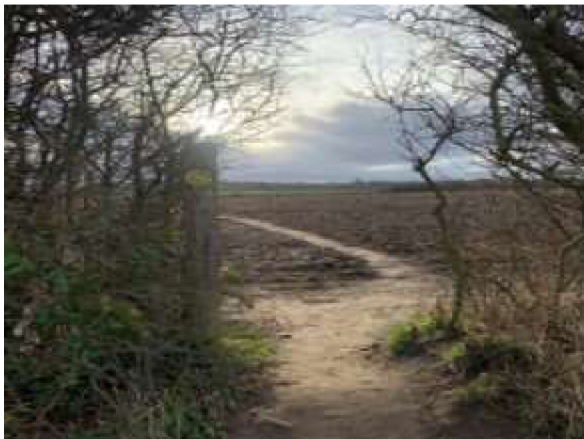
The proposed building sits far to the right, with a newly-formed track leading there as soon as this gate is entered.



This means that all vehicles entering the site must cross a well-used public footpath. Indeed, evidence in this picture demonstrates that this is already occurring.



The entrance to this footpath is via a gap in the hedgerow, with walkers crossing Gold Street from the orchard opposite in order to follow the footpath. As you can see, it is impossible to view any vehicles approaching from either side as you enter the footpath.



It is not possible to relocate the vehicle entrance to this site, as the field sits on road curvature leading to a blind bend.



I use this footpath daily whilst walking my dog. It is a very rare occasion when I do not meet other users, often with young children, frequently with dogs. It must surely be a breach of health and safety regulations to allow vehicles (presumably large lorries) to enter this site from a quiet, single-vehicle width road, and drive across a main walking thoroughfare of the village? It is evident from the pictures that heavy, large-tyred vehicles have already been doing this.

I urge you to act on this situation, as it can only be a matter of time before an accident occurs.

