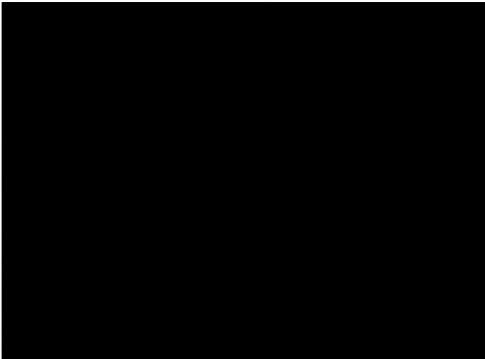




25th March 2025

RE: Driver Testimony – Cobham House Vineyard Access, Gold Street
Planning Ref: 20240544

To Whom It May Concern,

 and I have held a full HGV licence since 1990, with over 35 years of experience operating large commercial vehicles in constrained access areas, including rural lanes.

In viewing footage of a 7.5-tonne lorry attempting to access the field gate to Cobham House Vineyard, it is apparent that the entrance is ill-suited to vehicle movements of this type. Direct access is impossible due to the angle and reversing into or from Batts Lane is not acceptable on such a restricted public road.

The unbound track surface and inadequate visibility at the exit point further compound the risks involved. Continued HGV use would damage both the lane and the public right of way adjacent to it.

I therefore submit my objection to Planning Application 20240544, as the access poses an unacceptable safety risk and is not practical for ongoing commercial vehicle use.

