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To: DC Admin
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to raise a formal concern regarding planning permission 2026/62/90179/E (Land adjacent to 144A Latham Lane, Gomersal), specifically in relation to highway safety and access along the single-track, dead-end lane serving the site.

The access constraints in this location are significant, yet I note that there appears to be no highways consultation response or report accompanying the decision. Given the nature of the access, this raises concerns as to whether the impacts on highway safety and residential access have been fully and properly assessed.

Nature of the access

The site is served by a single-track, dead-end lane, where:

- Vehicles cannot freely pass each other
- There is no alternative route in or out
- Any obstruction results in a **complete loss of access**

Evidence from recent experience

This concern is not theoretical. During a recent development elsewhere along the same lane:

- The road was **blocked for periods exceeding 30 minutes**
- Vehicles were unable to pass due to the constrained layout
- Residents were effectively **prevented from accessing or leaving their properties**

On a dead-end route, such situations are clearly unacceptable, particularly given the implications for emergency access and resident safety.

Inadequacy of current conditions

The decision includes only a broad requirement that access be maintained during construction.

However:

- No detail is provided on how this will be achieved in practice
- There is no requirement for traffic management, passing arrangements, or delivery controls
- There is no mechanism to ensure that access remains continuously usable, rather than theoretically “available”
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While a construction plan is required, it does not specifically address the challenges of a single-track access route.

Concern regarding lack of highways input

Given the above, the apparent absence of a highways consultation or assessment is particularly concerning. A development accessed via a constrained, single-track, dead-end lane would normally require clear input from highways specialists to ensure:

- Safe vehicle movement
- Protection of resident access
- Appropriate mitigation measures during construction

Without this, it is unclear how the Local Planning Authority has satisfied itself that the development will not have an unacceptable impact on highway safety or access.

Request for action

In light of these concerns, I respectfully request that the Local Planning Authority:

1. Clarify whether Highways were consulted, and if so, why no formal response is available
2. Confirm how highway safety and access impacts have been assessed in the absence of detailed evidence
3. Reconsider the adequacy of the current conditions, and require a detailed Construction Traffic Management Plan that specifically addresses:
 - o Operation on a single-track, dead-end lane
 - o Prevention of any prolonged obstruction of access
 - o Controls on delivery timing, vehicle size, and contractor parking
 - o Guaranteed continuous access for residents and emergency services
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Given the documented issues already experienced on this same lane, a more robust and site-specific approach is essential to prevent recurrence.

I would appreciate a response addressing these concerns.

Yours faithfully,

