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**Sent:**

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**To:**

Tamara.Dale

**Subject:**

Planning Application DC/25/1120

Dear Tamara,

I'd just like to share with you an incident that took place outside my house last night - Sat 6 September. This is to back up the comments of the residents of Rusper regarding the road safety concerns relating to a potential building site, and also the potential access to the site for residents should it go ahead.

We were disturbed at our house opposite the site last night by an almighty bang at about 11pm. We went rushing out, and there had been a severe road traffic accident involving 3 cars, resulting in one having been spun round by the collision and ending up on the pavement at the end of my driveway, with another one approximately 3-5 metres along the road at the entrance to Steeres Hill - all totally blocking the road. The driver of the first car had been tailgating the 3rd car (witnesses) all the way from Newdigate, and then decided to overtake them on the bend outside Pucks Croft, having to swerve mid-manoeuve to avoid an oncoming car heading from Horsham towards Newdigate - luckily travelling slowly - but hitting this car and spinning both cars.

Several nearby residents heard the crash and rushed out to help. I called 999 and all 3 emergency services attended the scene, as the driver who had been hit had head injuries and cuts, and his car was emitting large amounts of smoke, and had also spilt a large amount of oil/petrol onto the road outside my house. All airbags were deployed in both cars, and luckily we managed to remove the gentleman from the smoking car via the passenger door. The road is pitch black at night, but we have a personal streetlamp in our garden which helped to illuminate the scene for the emergency services.

It was also extremely fortunate that no-one was walking down the road, returning from the 2 pubs in the village, as this could have been far more serious with pedestrians being hit on the only single pavement by either car.

Fortunately there were no fatalities, however it took from 11pm until approx 3am for the emergency services to deal with the investigation, and finally re-open the road and remove the car wrecks, and VERY PARTIALLY clear up the related debris. My partner and another neighbour cleared the rest this morning, as the Council website server was down when we tried to report it and request the road to be cleared of glass and car parts, which was not helpful! We consequently had to try and divert cyclists and dog walkers from going through all the glass and metal on the road and pavement whilst we cleared it, also trying to avoid being hit by speeding drivers as usual!

Apologies for the long winded explanation, but I need you to understand that, despite Highways' positive reports on this section of road - with all due respect - they do not live here, and hear the constant tooting of horns, and screeching of tyres on this section of road 24 hours a day!

I attach photographs from the scene, [REDACTED] should you need further clarification. I would appreciate acknowledgement of receipt of this email, and I am more than happy to discuss this further.

Kind regards

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