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Comments: Dear Planning, my husband and I have kept our three horses on land accessed from the lane in question on Mr Johnson's planning application, for over 30 years. The fields are adjacent to No 2 Ashlea and also the opposite side of the lane.

Our main concern regarding this application, is the increased vehicular use of the lane making it dangerous for our horses. The main road has had an enormous increase in traffic over the last 5 to 10 years. This has had an impact on how often we get our horses and carriage out onto the roads. We now mainly go out on road drives at the weekend and evenings due to the traffic. We have had at least 5 near misses in the last 2 years when we have been turning into the lane, when traffic approaching from behind have overtaken us at speed, despite us wearing hi viz clothing and indicating. Three of these vehicles were taxis from out of the area.

The proposed signage will have an impact on our horses and also the signs on the end of the lane will have a major impact on road visibility when turning out of the lane.

Horse and carriages do not reverse easily, so if we meet traffic on the single track lane, the car will have to reverse the full length of the lane to allow us to pass. Horses spook easily and are very unpredictable. On such a narrow lane, an accident could occur. This is causing us a lot of concern and anxiety. If we manage to pull onto the verge there is minimal damage done. But if a car was to do this, it would have a major impact on the state of the verges. Particularly at this time of year.

My final concern is the amount of water that will come off the intended parking area. This water will flow down onto the lane that is not tarmac coated and will flood not only the lane but will flow down and flood the neighbours fields. We have to fill in potholes with hardcore every few weeks through winter to allow vehicles safe access to the houses further up the lane and this will make matters much worse for us.

Please take these comments seriously as it will have a massive impact on us.

Once we turn onto the lane from the road, we relax as it has always been a safe haven. This will no longer be the case if this proposal is granted.

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