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To whom it may concern,

I am writing, as a resident of Downview Road, Felpham, to express concern over and object to the proposed plans to alter the traffic light system at the junction between Downview Road and Felpham way in order to allow access to the proposed gold course development.

Downview Road has a distinctive character with many of the properties on the road dating back over 100 years. The road itself is lined with trees, all of which are subject to a Tree Protection Order, and these contribute towards blending the road in with the main village area to the south. The road has speed bumps in order to restrict the speed of the road which keeps the road quiet and safe for all residents and users. The introduction of additional traffic to Downview Road and its use as access to the new development will serve to sever Downview Road from the village and create a sense of a separate community. Residents of Downview Road are proud to be part of Felpham Village and would wholeheartedly oppose this being diminished.

The road is quiet in terms of volume of traffic during the middle of the day however at school dropping off times for both the primary school and the college the road becomes congested with traffic queuing back up the road. When cars are parked on the roadside of Downview Road there is an increase in the congestion due to the road width being reduced to single lane. During these times entering and exiting our driveway parking can be very problematic. This will only increase if significant additional traffic is introduced.

In our view the road is currently at capacity with regards to traffic. Increase in traffic to the additional homes proposed at the current golf course will make Downview Road a main access road and completely change the character of the community. The Felpham Neighbourhood Plan states that a primary concern of residents of Felpham is that additional development on green areas will alter the village feel of Felpham and disrupt the community. Whilst I do not, in principle, object to the development of the golf course, it seems irresponsible to use Downview Road for access for the construction period and then the new development. The traffic infrastructure to the junction of Downview Road and Felpham Way cannot support this additional traffic. There is not sufficient space to widen the road without impacting on the adjacent properties. The crossing is crucial for easy access from

Felpham Way onto the adjacent roads and the current traffic management works well to balance traffic with the needs of cyclists and pedestrians.

The A259 bypass road to the north of Felpham is built to accommodate construction traffic and an increase in residential traffic. There are several points of access from the bypass road that make much greater sense in terms of ease of access, reduction in the need of alteration to the access to Downview Road and protection of the character of Downview Road. Using Downview Road is not compatible with the Neighbourhood action plan, it will cause massive detriment to the street and the residents and potentially cause harm to children, young adults and family who are accessing the schools and green spaces.

I strongly urge you to reconsider using Downview as the access point for this development in order to respect and protect the street and its residents and prevent long term detriment to the character of not only Downview Road but Felpham Village as a whole.

I would be grateful if you could acknowledge this email as register it as an objection to the proposed plans.

With best wishes,

Rebecca Jenkins
18 Downview Road, Felpham.

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