

Planning Consultation Response
From Sussex Area Ramblers Association
To Arun Planning Department

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Dear Mr Davis

Arun DC Planning Application Y/10/22/PL

Erection of 15 No dwellings (including 4 No affordable units) with associated access, parking, landscaping, drainage and public open space (additional units to those approved under application Y/123/21/PL).

This objection is in relation to the proximity of PRow (footpath) 357 and a road junction / turning head that is specified as part of the extension to the existing development.

The PRow is shown crossing the junction, albeit with a possible minor deviation of the path to do so (not entirely clear from the plans). The proposed layout introduces a significant and unacceptable level of risk to PRow users.

The plan also shows a children's play area to the east of the PRow and adjacent to it. This footpath will therefore form a primary access route for families and potentially unaccompanied children visiting the play area, who therefore represent a vulnerable category of path users.

Diverting the path itself is not considered sensible, given that it is common behaviour for people generally, and children in particular, to take the shortest route they can. The development layout should therefore be changed to ensure adequate separation between the junction and the PRow by moving the junction to the west in order to reduce the risk to path users, with the PRow being allowed to maintain its current line.

Yours sincerely,

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