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**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Planning application Y/87/18/PL - Rookery Farm

This application was supposed to have been decided by 14<sup>th</sup> January. I can't see any mention of it at the subsequent Development Control meetings, but wanted to highlight a possible discrepancy.

I, and a number of other people, have already submitted objections to this, not in respect of the proposed use for kennels, but specifically due to the effect on cyclists using the A259 shared use path.

The attached document is in respect of correspondence added to your planning system on 17/12/18. I note that Rupert Langmead had flagged up that Mr Hiong Ching Hii, the West Sussex Project Manager, had stated that no warning signs were needed and says "it seems a bit rich that we now need to put signs up" and then Simon Davis from your department reassured Elizabeth Davis that Highways were merely suggesting signs and not making it a requirement.

Firstly, I believe the comment from Mr Hiong Ching Hii would have been made prior to the actual construction of the shared use path and so should not be construed as being relevant to this new development.

Secondly, the objections are requesting that the owners put warning signs on the access road itself, to warn drivers to slow down, and not asking for Give Way or warning signs on the cycle path, which doesn't seem to have been picked up by Rupert Langmead.

In any event, bearing in the volume of cycle traffic now using the shared use path, the numbers of cyclists far exceeds the expected numbers of vehicles entering or leaving Rookery Farm, so it does seem bizarre that cyclists are the ones that should be expected to Give Way. However, bearing in mind the physical layout of the junction, with earth banks either side of the access road, there is very poor visibility especially heading west, so a cyclist would only have 1-2 seconds notice before meeting a vehicle leaving the site with possible serious consequences. In addition due to the narrow width of the access road, waiting cars end up blocking the path when they're trying to turn right onto the A259, which also makes it very difficult to get behind them to get past.

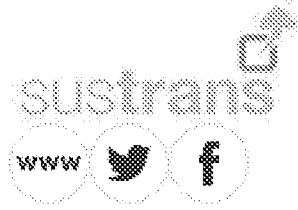
I'd be grateful if these points could also be taken into account.

Regards,

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