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Good morning

Tarmac's original plans for access into the proposed development were wrong and I would like to add the following comments regarding their new proposals:

1. The revised plans show the road and footways into the proposed development looking totally urban and not in keeping with the rural aspect of Colney Heath. In addition the new pavements are all designed - and intended - to be driven over for access. This is totally unsafe for children accessing the primary school, football club or even the proposed houses as the pavement affords them no protection from cars using this area. If cars are allowed to park in the new road area as well, this would result in children crossing between cars too, adding to the danger.
2. I understand that the new plans show it would not be possible to get into the football club following the route shown on Tarmac's map (subject to detailed design and agreement with the Highways Authority) - a car would crash into the gate. If car access is created then further parking spaces - on Parish Council land - would be lost.
3. Tarmac suggests parallel parking of cars along one carriageway of the new access road - the side next to the fence. This would reduce the entire length of the new road to just one lane and mean access to the development and the football club would be very difficult. It leaves no room for manoeuvres - if cars come face to face you can't reverse onto the High street - it's just too busy. Even 45 houses would generate no fewer than 90 cars a huge number to be using a one lane access road and a recipe for disaster on an already crowded road near a primary school. Cars parked here would also create additional noise and pollution for the residents next to the roadway.
4. The revised plans show the removal of the grass verge Tarmac had originally planned to keep. This is further removal of green space that our wildlife relies on and which links habitats together.
5. There is no street lighting shown - where will the existing lamp post be sited? The area is not well lit and street lighting is needed for safety and to prevent anti-social behaviour.

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