

We have lived in Picts Lane ,Cowfold for 47 years and would like to add my views on the impact of Rampion 2 on the health and wellbeing of the community.

I do not agree that the traffic in the area will not be greatly affected by congestion caused by construction traffic. The A272 is already heavily congested with Cowfold acting as a bottleneck with A281 and A272 crossing via two mini roundabouts. At the moment we have frequent accidents and hold ups on the 272 causing terrific queues with the drivers seeking an alternative route. Picts Lane is a favorite diversion, our lane is single track with few passing points, the result is complete gridlock on Picts Lane, Bulls Lane and Longhouse Lane.

Residents are unable to access their properties safely and attempting to walk, ride or cycle is simply too dangerous. We have at least 9 horses and ponies living on Picts Lane as well as numerous farm animals, so attending to their needs is quite impossible. The working farm is also greatly impacted when the lane is gridlocked as tractors need the lane to access fields.

Rampion seem to think that the construction traffic will not be a problem to local lanes and Cowfold but their refusal to accept the obvious impact of slowmoving large lorries turning into and coming out of a construction site on the flow of the traffic is, to me, incredulous. The use of a holding bay within the site must be considered a necessity with traffic lights to help the lorries out.

The impact on the whole area will be unbearable to us who live here. I know that vehicles will use Picts, Bulls and Longhouse lanes as rat runs to try (unsuccessfully) to get away from the congestion which will be all day, every day. I hope no one has an emergency and needs the emergency services as they will not be able to get through the traffic.

We don't have much public transport in the area so have to rely on our own cars for work, shopping, hospital appointments etc. but dread to think how we will easily be able to do this.

I don't believe that Rampion have considered or care about the great impact this whole project will have on a very rural part of beautiful Sussex