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Dear Sirs,

Owing to a I missed the deadline of 25th April to have my say. So here I am at 04:00 in the morning of the 26th.

As an affected local resident I need to have my say concerning the already woeful traffic conditions on the A272 .

Every day there is congestion from Cowfold centre backing up past Oakendean Industrial Estate and often past the Kent Street-Picts Lane crossroads. Congestion can start from 7 in the morning , making a right turn towards Cowfold centre difficult. This eases a bit after 9 and then builds again anywhere from 3pm to well past 6pm. This all happens on a good day when flow is unimpeded by accidents or road works and traffic can just flow through to West Grinstead. Should there been any kind of upset, traffic is affected right past where I live on To complicate matters further, the bend to the right of our lane as we exit is close and traffic is permitted at 60mph. Should Rampion be granted planning permission and its vehicles large and small add to this existing congestion , I have grave concerns about the sight-lines as we exit our lane right, with queuing traffic (headed in Cowfold Village direction) and on-coming speeding traffic emerging from the bend

From the very first meeting in November 2022, Rampion have downplayed or even ignored existing A272 traffic concerns and I notice with some stages of the application the traffic projections against our concerns have been in my view, very misleading. Sadly our Parish Council should have picked up on traffic concerns further afield than just the village centre and I believe they were pacified by the presentation of traffic turning in at Oakendean and not reaching the village. Anyone working at Oakendean or living along this section of the A272 will know how unforgiving the commuter traffic is. I have attempted to cycle a few times but it is wholly unsafe to do so. I now have the form the safely. I am not only concerned for my welfare but all the residents and businesses serving us who use this lane. It is already fraught with danger and the Rampion proposals at best Mis-judge the dangers or worst disguise them.

The CowfoldvRampion group have brought traffic concerns to light before and I fully endorse their presentations past and future.

right on to our lane opening. This section of road is notorious already for accidents.

Yours sincerely,

Susie Russell-Smith

Sent from my iPhone