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Subject: Contractors access at [REDACTED]

Metrowest DCO Application Plans: 2.23

Dear Ms Dowling,

Further to our discussion at the ISH 2 on Monday, as you requested I am confirming details of my issue regarding access to the [REDACTED] Pill.

The DCO Application Plan 2.23 shows access to the embankment has been recorded alongside [REDACTED]. However, I am very concerned that this is not a suitable access route and would like it not to be used.

Whilst this access could be used by a small number of personnel, it is far too narrow for conveying machinery and materials which could cause significant damage to the property. The frailty of the pathway (which includes an inspection chamber) and the vulnerability of the rear corner and side of the house are cause for concern. The house construction is of double engineering brick (no cavity) and there are no foundations. Also the wall coating is of a special type which, once breached is difficult to repair sufficiently to retain its waterproofing qualities, thus allowing damp to penetrate the wall. There is also a gas pipe and an overflow pipe on the wall. I have attached three photographs to indicate these points and the narrowness of this access, particularly to the rear of the property. Vegetation and gardening materials can, of course, be removed but this does not significantly improve the situation.

As shown on the plan, access to the embankment has already been identified through the Methodist Church ([REDACTED]) so this could be used in place of access through [REDACTED]. Alternatively, there are only four houses in this terrace and access could be gained at the other end of the terrace ([REDACTED]).

Thank you for hearing my concerns and look forward to my request being granted.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Stowers





