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Dear Mr Berwick

**WD/2021/2568/MAJ - LITTLE WOLD AND LAND TO THE REAR (SOUTH), STATION ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9NE**

Thank you for consulting us further on this application.

I remain unconvinced that safe use of byway Withyam 32 will be maintained by the proposed access arrangements.

Whilst I note the changes to the junction proposals, with the addition of the raised table and 'stop' notices, the suggest visibility splays appear to me to be unrealistic. The projected sightlines based on mapped boundary lines do not reflect the physical character of the byway, which is bordered by substantial hedging and raised banks. The attached photographs show its character on approach to the proposed access from the east and west.

I cannot see how the suggested sightlines for users of the proposed access are achievable without changes and ongoing maintenance to boundary hedges which are beyond the applicant's ownership. Without changes to the continuation of the byway the visibility for users of the byway would also be limited. In effect, the tunnel like character of the byway would end abruptly at the junction with the access road.

In my opinion it has not been adequately demonstrated that the proposed arrangements and the traffic movements associated with the development will not have a negative impact on the safety and amenity of the byway. For this reason, I wish to maintain my **objection** to the application.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Harper

Principal Rights of Way Officer

