

My name is Victoria Bance and I am a local resident living in Tilden Gill Road where I've lived for 23 years.

This access at Priory Way is going to cause many problems for existing residents and new residents alike.

- 1) The provision of the new replacement parking bays for the Priory Way residents are of the bare minimum size. The Kent Vehicle Parking Standards Sept 2016 page 27 sets the new standard as 5.5m x 2.5m for car bays. With modern cars often being larger and some residents having vans the proposed bays in that layout will be inadequate. I imagine residents with larger vehicles will struggle to get in and out of the bays furthest from the entrance and will end up having to use the road to park. Parking has already spread into Tilden Gill Road and round into the main entrance into Priory Way. There will be an additional 100+ cars coming in and out of the new estate and we can foresee this junction becoming congested and very dangerous for drivers and pedestrians alike. This area already has a lot of road parking especially at evenings and weekends. There will be no turning room for emergency vehicles or delivery lorries in Priory Way. Also the narrow bays in a tight layout will make it difficult to open car doors wide enough to get children in and out particularly babies. The proposed wall will create an enclosed space which will encourage youngsters to hang about out of sight.
- 2) What type of pedestrian crossings are they going to be? The crossing next to the proposed give way line at the junction of the new road and Tilden Gill Road is too close to the give way line. Pedestrians waiting to cross the road will obscure the view for drivers exiting Tilden Gill Road. The give way line in Tilden Gill Road will make it difficult to see cars coming from the new

development. Also at evenings and weekends vehicles currently park down the left hand side of Tilden Gill Road which will create a conflict at the road junction for cars trying to enter Tilden Gill Road if cars are waiting to exit it as well. Parking will be a worsening problem under this plan.

- 3) The children's play area is next to the Tilden Gill /Priory Way junction and fencing it in will split the children's play area. Historically this junction is a well used area for children playing football/riding their bikes etc. in the road, on the grass bank and in the play area particularly during the school holidays and at weekends. There will be an increased safety risk to children as a result of more traffic. With increased road parking it will be more difficult for drivers to see the children in the road.
- 4) The Public Footpath AB36 will be cut through by the new access road with the addition of a second pedestrian crossing. This public footpath is extremely well used by local residents, walking groups, school parties etc who follow its length from Sandy Lane in the west to Kench Hill in the east. Pedestrians on the footpath will now have to cross two roads whichever way they go one of which will be a road junction. This will increase the likelihood of accidents particularly for the children using this area.
In conclusion, having an access for 100 dwellings at this already overcrowded junction is unrealistic. Traffic will funnel from three roads from the cul de sacs in the new development into another two roads again both cul de sacs. (Priory Way and Tilden Gill Road) We also have traffic from the other side of Priory Way and Cruttenden Close (more cul de sacs) filtering into Priory Way and

all trying to exit at the one junction with Shrubcote where visibility for cars pulling out is very poor.