

Following the recent release of details surrounding the application for additional access to the adjoining farmland to the Pembers Hill Park development I would like to register my objections as a homeowner within proximity to the planned access point.

Pembers Hill Park is a quiet, friendly residential area, safe for children to play in and around the streets and pavements of. This is something we took for granted as children and as a result prepared us for later life with a valuable education in social and behavioural Interactional skills, together with clear understandings of acceptable boundaries. You hear parents today screaming out for such environments for their children, what a shame it would be if this was taken away.

The reality of moving agricultural equipment through a residential area brings real, increased levels of danger for pedestrians, including, and most importantly children or individuals with impediments such as low vision. I am registered blind/severely sight impaired and the thought of having these vehicles adjacent to our footpaths fills me with dread. With these observations in mind, I would offer my objections as follows:

1. Safety of residents and pedestrians where access roads within Pembers Hill Park development are not designed for the carrying of large, industrial agricultural equipment and vehicles.
2. Risk of damage to parked vehicles in Pembers Farm Avenue from the wide equipment used on the fields.
3. Environmental impact of farming vehicles and equipment in respect of mud and other agricultural substances (slurry, cinagro) on roadways and footpaths through the development.
4. The loss of trees/hedgerows in planned access point and the natural environmental impact on species; birds, bats, invertebrates.

In addition to the above specific objections, I am reliably informed, that currently there exists many access points to the farmland, including one that provides direct access to public roads. Given these existing access points it is difficult to see what advantage would be achieved in adding the proposed new access. As residents we witnessed the successful tending of the field directly to the north of our properties, through the Summer months without the need for the proposed access point.

Please would you consider these points in the application process.

Finally, and realising this is not a valid objection – I am minded of the recent announcement by Croudace homes to take an option on the land to the north for residential development and how an access point as proposed in this application now appears on their proposed plan imagery. A lucky coincidence?

Thank you for your support.