



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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Sovereign Harbour Residents Association

To be sent via email: tony.smith@shra.co.uk

Our Ref: CA25041

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Dear Tony,

Thank you for your letter of the 18th November regarding the Site 7a plans.

Firstly, I am grateful for you in setting out the concerns of the SHRA in such detail. I am aware of the wider public concern expressed by residents of Pacific Drive and elsewhere in the Harbour. These concerns are those that I also share.

Just last week I visited the site with Sovereign Councillors Penny di Cara and Kshama Shore, to see for myself the proposed access routes. To my mind, I am not convinced that this access point could safely accommodate the number of deliveries and additional vehicular movements that would follow the granting of planning permission.

By way of update on my own work, I have also reached out to Aldi to ask for a meeting in order for me to make them aware of the widespread concerns from the local community and therefore urge amendments to their plans.

I have also written to East Sussex County Council Highways to make them aware of the concerns around these proposals. For the Planning Authority their response is likely to be very defining.

MPs do not have direct influence over the planning process nevertheless, I will also make my own submission to the Council and would likewise encourage residents to do the same.

I will continue to work with your local councillors, and North Harbour residents on this planning application.

With kind regards,

Caroline Ansell
Member of Parliament for Eastbourne and Willingdon

cc. Cllr. Penny di Cara, Cllr. Kshama Shore