Mid Sussex District Plan Examination
Allocations MM72, 73, 74, 75, 76
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Supporting Evidence for Laura Galloway's Keep Hurst A Village/College Lane Action Group Statement

A Typical Day on College Lane and Related Sites: Traffic and Hazards,
Submitted by Hurstpierpoint Residents

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Exhibit A: Daily morning traffic backlog, College Lane, directly across from proposed site MM72. Often traffic is backed up all the way to Hurst Road to the south, and residents on the east side of college lane, experience difficulty exiting their drives houses due to the log jam of traffic on the narrow lane, as well as hundreds of cars headed south toward Hurst Road.



Exhibit B: Near 87 College Lane. Lorry and Ambulance blocking College Lane, both stuck, midday, a common occurrence for emergency vehicles



Exhibit C: Typical morning traffic, College Lane, outside of house numbers 42-50



Exhibit D: 85 College Lane. Wall stuck by a skip lorry skip lorry. The Pillar moved so much that it significantly bent the railings, this in turn broke the coping on the top of the wall. Residents had to dismantle the pillar and rebuild a significant part of the wall. Property damage is common on College Lane due to excessive and oversized traffic.



Exhibit E: Typical daily traffic on College Lane, midday, south of Hurst College



Exhibit F: Outside Nos. 42 and 44, College Lane. Typical traffic on College Lane; oversized vehicles block traffic, midday



Exhibit G: Damage to residents' cars is typical on College Lane; sometimes so severe the cars are no longer drivable and written off.



Exhibit H: Outside of Houses 97-99, College Lane. Coaches frequently get stuck on the Lane, exacerbating already terrible traffic problems with standard sized vehicles



Exhibit I: Another example of car blockage because of navigating narrow College Lane.



Exhibit J: Typical traffic on College Lane; this is late afternoon.



Exhibit K: Large vehicles, often construction, block the lane and damage cars; outside of 81 College Lane. This is typical.



Exhibit K: Coaches regularly block traffic and cause standstills that can last for hours.

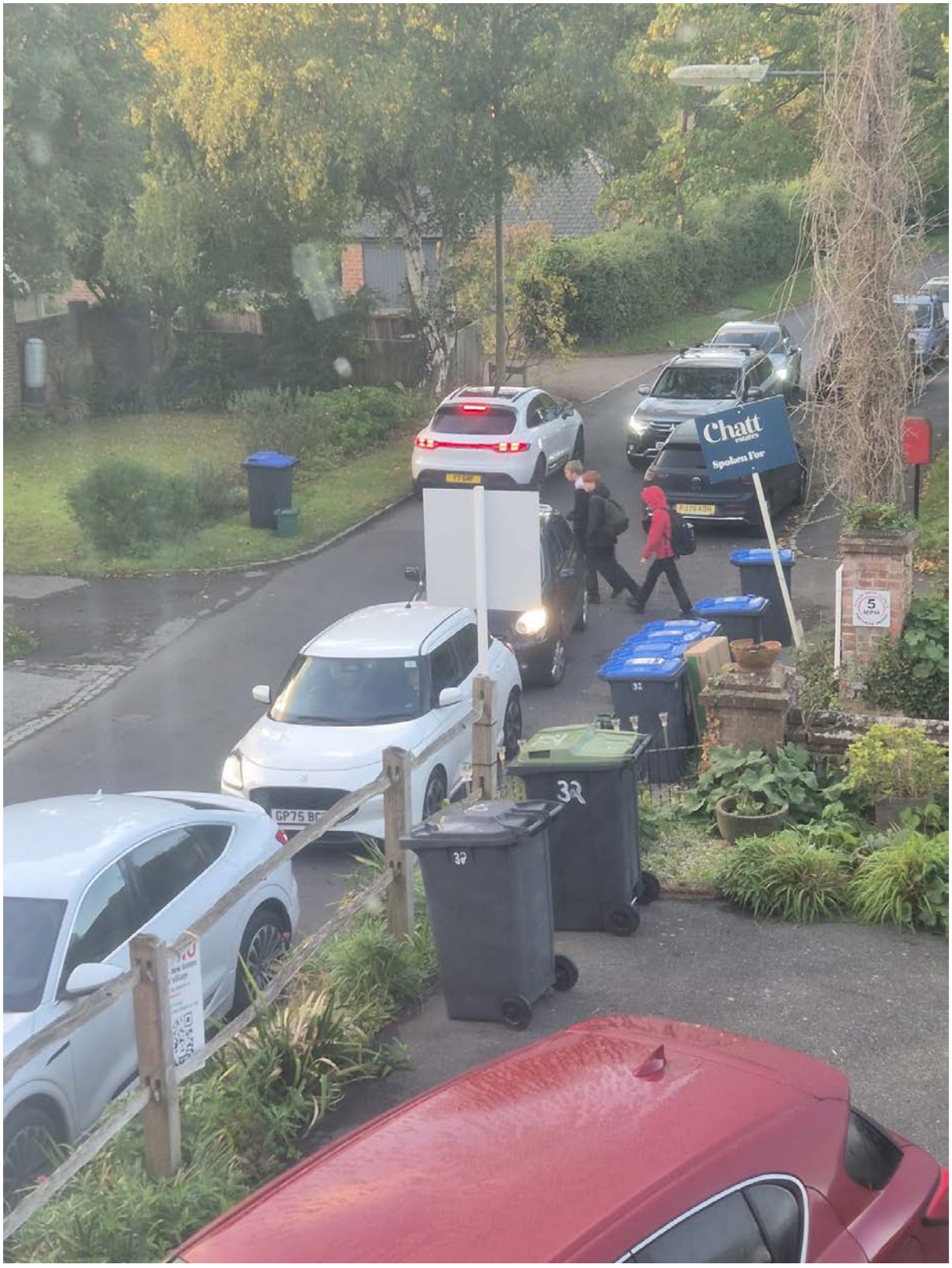


Exhibit L: typical day on College Lane during the school run, view from 32 College Lane. Oct. 14, 2026; high traffic, unsafe for all pedestrians



Exhibit M: Heavy machinery vehicle completely blocking traffic, 81 College Lane.



Exhibit N: A coach stuck in the field adjacent to a property at 85-87 College Lane. It couldn't get through to the college. It came up our private drive, smashing trees and the hedge, to try and turn around in the field, where it got stuck. It required a huge recovery lorry to drag it out of the mud.



Exhibit O, Stuck Lorry, private drive between 85 and 87 College Lane. Notes the owner of this private drive: “When big vehicles get stuck, it is a favourite game to try and turn in our drive. If there are vehicles parked on the Lane opposite turning is

impossible. I can’t count the number of times we have to go out to persuade drivers that it’s not possible. Their efforts tear up our drive, and we have to make frequent repairs.”

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