

## Emma Kingwell

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Dear Mesdames and Sirs,

## Planning application: P/20/048 Construction of a new accessible dwelling for holiday letting purposes.

My husband and I both wish to object to this application on the following grounds:

1. If approved, the application will add to an already overloaded sewerage system causing more blockages and overflows, including down Rams Valley where we live.
2. The access via Branksea Close is very narrow and increased access will affect the lives of people there and also us due to noise generation. I would suggest that the photograph submitted by the applicant showing an previous dustcart was taken before the planting and landscape improvements to the pedestrian access were carried out. This was mentioned thus in the previous appeal decision:  
"The appeal site would be accessed via a pedestrian path which runs alongside No 8 Branksea Close. The pathway is generally level from the main highway with some small areas of uneven surfacing. I note that a part of the path is narrower than appears on the plan due to a fenced area and planted flowerbed."
3. We are concerned at the statement that "Investigation of alternative access routes for fire service vehicles, e.g. via Ram's Valley to the south is also recommended." The upper part of Rams Valley is a private road and any access is only possible with the permission of the owner. Rams Valley is a quiet and narrow cul-de-sac and any access must be from Church Road. There is no turning circle at the end of Rams Valley which results in legitimate service vehicles having to reverse down a narrow road, often blocking the road for some time. In addition, there is parking on the road which further reduces access width.
4. The garden of Men-A-Vaur has already suffered from tree removal, reducing space for wildlife and green space. I reject the applicant's statement in section 10 of the application form:  
"Are there trees or hedges on land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the development or might be important as part of the local landscape character? No"  
The site contains mature trees and hedges, some of which will be destroyed by the proposed works. It is a prime example of "Garden Grabbing" and backland development and should be refused.

**Jane Hurd and Gordon Bilborough**