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The following has been submitted by Village Concerns to the Considerate Constructors Scheme.

We are very concerned about a number of issues relating to the construction of 205 houses by Redrow in East Hoathly, East Sussex, BN8 6QH to be known as Paddock Green. We understand that one of the critical aspects of membership to the Considerate Constructor's Scheme is the interaction of a construction company with the local community where building is undertaken. At the beginning of this year during the pre-construction phase, Redrow suggested the initiation of a Liaison Group between members of their Construction Team and our local community. Only one meeting has taken place since that time due to a lack of availability of Redrow's team members. There have been many important issues, such as a lack of wheel washing, mud on roads, critically missing signage preventing construction traffic using incorrect routes (junction of A22 and South Street) and therefore construction traffic using incorrect routes in and out of the village. Not having the opportunity to discuss/resolve these issues is very frustrating for the community at large and despite repeatedly contacting Redrow to re-establish this essential contact, having been assured of Redrow's availability, we have now been waiting over 3 months. As a result, we now have local residents contacting the local press to express their frustration which despite being understandable is also detrimental to the relationship. East Hoathly is a very small village with only 1300 residents and so a build of this size has a huge impact on all aspects of village life; liaison meetings are critical.

Another aspect of a successful relationship between developer and the local community would be for Redrow to share certain aspects of their CEMP. By no means would we suggest that Redrow should divulge all details of this Construction Environmental Management Plan to the public, but it would be helpful to know where traffic management systems are going to be placed and for how long. We currently have traffic lights operating 24 hours a day in the village to facilitate works that aren't yet to be carried out, causing tailbacks to a very tight corner at the heart of the village. Once children return to school next week, this traffic issue will most certainly be exacerbated.

We are extremely concerned at the lack of hoarding around the site, particularly along the length of the London Road. Whilst we appreciate that Redrow have fulfilled their legal requirement by placing metal fencing preventing public access around the site perimeter, such fencing would not deter children. As we are sure you agree, a building site is very exciting to children who may think of it as an adventure playground or "Diggerland", a lack of closed board hoarding poses a potential health and safety hazard.

We wish for a successful working relationship with Redrow to ensure a good outcome for both developer and local community but currently feel that this is seriously lacking in all aspects. We hope that you can help in some way to make this a better experience for all.

Sincerely

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On behalf of the Steering Committee

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