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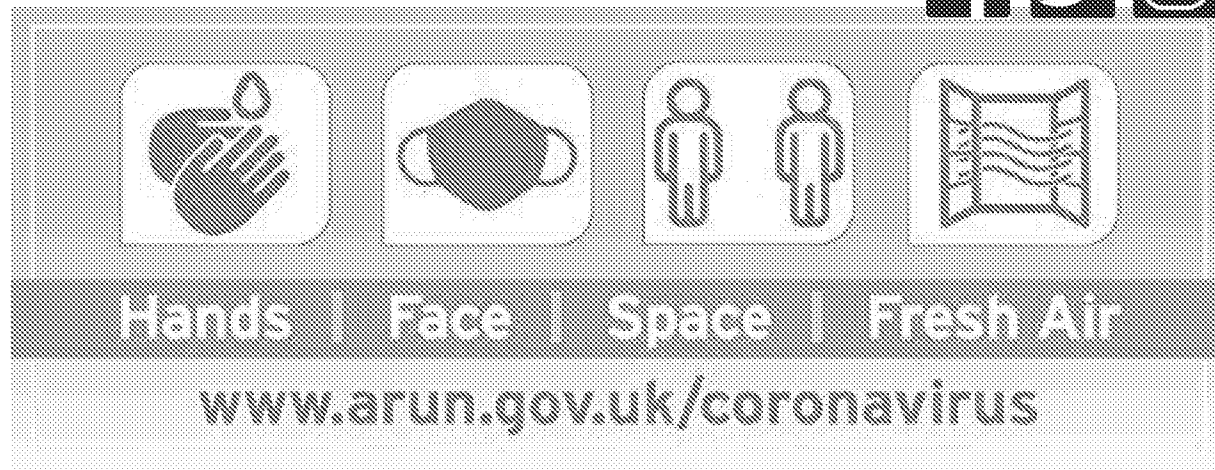
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From: Jeanette Treagus [REDACTED]
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Subject: Proposals for Land adjacent to Woodgate Nurseries? Woodgate

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Dear Sir or Madam

HEAD OF PLANNING

We have seen on line proposed development of up to 95 dwellings also sent by post. It would suggest that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required we would completely disagree, I do not understand all the technical terms or fancy words but I can tell you what we see in our garden and when we walk our dogs across the farm which we have done almost every day since 2010. We do not recognize or have heard of Woodgate Nurseries it's known as Woodgate Farm, a working farm producing food.

We live at The Paddock, Lidsey Road overlooking the farm we only have a stock fence or no fence at all this gives us uninterrupted views across the proposed site, we see on the farm and in our garden the following species: Bats, Slowworms, Hedgehogs, Shrews, Newts, Various Mice including Dormouse, Stag beetles, Voles, Hares, Deer, Foxes, Humming Bird Moth, Weasel and new this year Stoat there is also a Badger set on the farm. The trees around the site include protected species which support roosts and nest sites for Sparrow hawks, Buzzards, cuckoo, owls, Woodpeckers common and green. Wrens, Mistletoe Thrush and recently Red Kite along with the more common birds and Butterfly and moths.

We have a wooded area and land adjacent to our driveway, this supports bats hunting at dusk. The wooded area has area's where hedgehogs hibernate and sleep during the day.

Also a friend was bitten by an adder on the footpath by the railway this required hospital treatment. We are aware of an environmental study carried out by the house builder, where we spoke to a representative from the company who told us that only 1 slow worm had been found on site for the whole duration of the survey, this company had placed carpet tiles and small sheets of metal around the proposed site we found these findings confusing as almost every tile or piece of metal that we looked under slow worms were present.

Two years after we moved in we were almost flooded the water level came to within 1 inch of entering our property the only thing that stopped this was the farm which is lower than us the whole proposed site was under water, the site has flooded to some degree every year in fact this year the crop of winter wheat failed over large areas due to being under water for months earlier in the year.

Some trees have already been cut down adjacent to the A29 when asked why they were being cut down I was told they were diseased, funny how this happens to be were access road is proposed and no other trees were touched. I cut the grass on the verge alongside the A29 between us and Woodgate House and have done so since 2010 I often have to remove Slow worms to a safe place. I have been told that Aldingbourne Parish Council and Arun District Council have met the required house build requirements. this proposed site is outside the boundary for development the land is prime agriculture land.

The upgraded sewer system has already failed the local infrastructure cannot support any more house building. Within a few minutes of us we have new developments at Wings nursery , Willows caravan park land of Woodgate close Woodgate road and many development's taking place in Hook Lane also 3000 homes extending from Barnham do you not think enough is enough and put a stop to our limited countryside being further destroyed.

Regards

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