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Subject: AL/11/24/OUT - Planning application for 400 dwellings on land East of Westergate. Objection.

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As we have been suffering in Westergate, Eastergate, Barnham, Fontwell, Lidsey and Shripney from floods, the like of which have never been seen in these areas for the last 20 years, I feel I have to object to even more open space being covered over by tarmac and concrete.

I have had 4 visit from Southern Water staff in the last 5 weeks trying to trace the drain system around Barnettts Field and Norton Lane, Westergate. Due to flooding and backing up of sewage into peoples existing property.

If the proposed 400 dwellings are allowed on this ground the flooding and drainage will get worse. The ground that is proposed to be built on has the rife running through it and in the wetter months (almost all year round now, with climate change) these fields flood.

The proposal to run a road into Pine Close seems wrong. First the plan shows Pine Close going straight from the new road on to the current A29 opposite Meadow Way. This is not the current route of Pine Close and would create a cross road on a very busy road. It would also bring the potential for a rat run along the new road to the realigned A29 when that is laid and the 2000 plus houses are built on the arable land further to the East. During the consultation about that plan we were assured this land would remain undeveloped, which no longer seems to be the case.

If the plan is passed, what provision will there be for the current footpath through the area? How will the bridge over the rife be constructed? What provision will be made for road crossings as there are 3 schools in very close proximity? How will the current road infrastructure cope with the 700 to 800 extra vehicles that these dwellings will bring? How many EV charging points will be installed as part of the build? How many parking spaces will be provided? How many of these properties will have solar roof panels? Will each dwelling be electric only and have heat pumps for heating?

I understand the need for housing, I do not accept that more are needed in the Fontwell, Eastergate and Westergate area. We have had so many new properties built in the area over the last 5 years the cracks are now beginning to show in the infrastructure. Inadequate drainage, poor internet supply, electrical power cuts, insufficient parking provision, lack of school places, not enough doctors. The list is almost endless.

This ground is not suitable for houses to be built on and the impact to the area will be significant.

Yours

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