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I have asked my son to assist with this communication as I do not have a computer and email seems the best way to contact all concerned.

I have been a resident of Westergate and Aldingbourne parish for all my 86 years, borne here and raising my family in Ivy Lane, I am the 4<sup>th</sup> generation of my family to live their whole life here. I am very upset to see the application for yet another 400 houses to be built on the beautiful countryside around my village. It will destroy the village community that I have known all my life.

Building on this site will not only destroy the habitat for our birds, lizards, bats and the fish and water voles living in the Eastergate Rife, a rare chalk stream, but the flooding in the area will be made so much worse. The proposed building area has a biodiversity corridor running through it and is one of the few places left around the village where I can enjoy walks with my dog and feel the village as it used to be. Many times over the years on my walks I have seen the sewage plant inspection covers beside our public footpaths thrown up by the excess sewage flow, so how on earth can this overburdened system cope with even more homes?

These are not by any means the only problems that I envisage this development will cause. Every day the traffic is already queued on the A29 from the railway gates at Woodgate past the end of my road at Ivy Lane. The road simply cannot sustain a further estimated 1200 cars that this is likely to bring. The doctor's surgery can hardly cope with it's current number of residents and will surely be totally overwhelmed and, where are all these new people going to find employment? What about the schools, can these cope?

The continual devastation from all this building in the Barnham, Eastergate and Westergate village communities is just beyond comprehension. I wholeheartedly object to this development.

Regards  
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