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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you with regards, concerns and to strongly object to the current 'planned' 400 homes in the Fields east of Westergate.

As a local resident in the area I've had to witness what can only be described as complete vandalism to the area disguised as a 'need for more housing'. The speed and scale of thousands of houses being crammed into the area has had a disastrous affect on all residents and wildlife as a whole.

The roads are now practically submerged or closed as soon as there's any rain as all natural drainage has been built on. The traffic must have increased 5 fold due to the thousands of homes now attracting so many more residents previously not in the area, which cannot help businesses let alone residents. We now make the national news for our constant flooding and ongoing sewage problems. The local services such as Doctors surgeries and Schools buckled years ago. Yet you still want to build more in this condensed area!?

The fields in Westergate, almost the last untouched natural area not yet destroyed, are extremely concerning. Having regularly walked there I know the wildlife that exists there. I've also witnessed the huge increase of wildlife by the

nearby A27 as all wildlife is now being driven from its natural habitat due to scale of 'development ' we've had imposed on us. The wildlife such as the Deer, Voles, Badgers, Foxes etc will soon be appearing on the roadside as well.

The systematic destruction of the area isnt just callous and negligence from greedy developers clearly devoid of conscience or empathy. They're being supported by a weak council whose planning and development decision makers have failed residents for too long now by simply approving any planning application despite the disastrous affects we've now seen. What is their incentive for allowing so much 'development ' in this area? As an area we taken on a monumental amount of housing, a lot of which isn't selling, but surely common sense does need to be applied soon.

As a body responsible for overseeing what's become of the area, you must be ashamed of what you've done. If you were ever to (try to) drive through the area you'll witness the complete gridlock on the roads, the many floods in areas that never previously flooded, the wildlife laid dead at roadsides and tankers having to ferry out the sewage. Southern Water warned against the development years ago, but that advice has clearly been ignored, why?

I feel a duty to write in as a concerned resident and hope this objection is taken on board and look forward to your response.

Regards
Chris Barnes
Westergate resident

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