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Objections to the above planning application for 400 or more houses

1) No suitable access to the site. St.Richard's road is a narrow cul de sac. There is only one way in and out onto Westergate Street which is Ivy Lane, also a cul de sac. Ivy Lane itself is narrow and has parked cars reducing the width of the road as there is no off road parking for some residents. Large lorries would not be able to get through. Children use the footpath from Ivy Lane to Ormiston Academy so at certain times of day there is the extra hazard for them of lorries coming and going. The other proposed access sites are just as narrow and Woodgate level crossing is bad enough at normal times with traffic stretching back through the village without the addition of lorries trying to get onto the main road at this point.

2) No infrastructure to support this many new dwellings. The expansion of the Croft Surgery seems to have stalled again but regardless of having a bigger building with more treatment rooms without extra doctors and nurses it will make no difference to the number of patients they can cope with. I believe they are already oversubscribed so adding another 400+ patients would be impossible.

The Six Villages Sports Centre is due to close because Ormiston Academy needs the space back because they have not got enough space for the pupils they have. Where will children from the families moving into these new houses go to school if Ormiston can't cope now?

Public transport is very limited through Westergate with only one bus service, the 66 route. This means there will be considerably more traffic through the village as people travel by car to surrounding areas for work. I was under the impression that the Eastergate to Shripney by-pass was to reduce traffic through Westergate and consequently Woodgate level crossing.

3) There is flooding in these fields in bad weather (most of the roads round Eastergate, Fontwell, Shripney and Barnham have all been flooded recently). Raw sewage has again come up in the bottom field and another 400+ homes is only going to overload the system further. What would happen to the Rife which runs all the way down all the fields?

4) There is abundant wild life in these fields which would be totally displaced.

Any tree removal would be appalling as they soak up gratsins water and carbon. Saying they would be replaced is not good enough. A sapling planted now would take at least 20 years to be mature enough to have the same effect.

5) These fields are used extensively by walkers, dog walkers, children and families. A lot of mums walk their children to school through these fields as it keeps the safely away from the busy roads. A lot of older children use them as a short cut to Ormiston Academy.

There has been, and there still is, house building going on in the area. Enough is enough otherwise this will no longer be a rural community. This area is known as "The Six Villages" soon it will lose this title to become one great soulless urban sprawl.

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