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From: Jean Rogers [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 2:05 PM
To: Planning <Planning@arun.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Planning application AL/11/24/OUT. Land east of Westergate (CALA HOMES) (Case Ref: AG28725)

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Dear Sir/Madam,
Following on from the email below sent you today I am now attaching photos of the sewage along the footpath by the rife on the land proposed in the planning application above for the 400 Carla Homes.

These are the ones I sent to MP Andrew Griffith whose reply I have also sent you.

It should be noted that the smell of sewage was ripe again, even travelling in an enclosed car, along the Barnham Road between Barnham and Eastergate.

Yours sincerely

Jean Hartley









Jean Rogers

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On 27 Mar 2024, at 13:39, Jean Rogers [REDACTED] wrote:

From Phil and Jean Hartley
Job's Well
Church Lane
Eastergate
PO20 3UT

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have already written to you objecting on behalf of myself and my husband to the above planning application.

Subsequent to that I have now contacted our MP Andrew Griffith outlining our objections and am delighted to have received a most supportive response - see both emails below.

Most significantly and importantly he says - and I quote -

"I want Arun District Council to see for themselves the pressure that the local infrastructure is under and TO HALT ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENT until such time that it is clear there will not be further events like we have witnessed in your community.

To this end I am completely opposed to the Carla Homes development for the reasons you have laid out. I am working with the Parish Council to oppose these plans and will be making my own submission against the application."

I sincerely hope you will listen to his objections along with those from many residents, including us, and accept that plans like this one and, I think it worth mentioning, the on-going one on adjacent prime farmland for 4000 houses! on Manor Farm land are totally unacceptable and madness if you are truly committed as a Council to ensuring the good health and wellbeing of this area.

Yours sincerely,

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Andrew Griffith MP [REDACTED]

Date: 26 March 2024 at 15:36:39 GMT

Subject: Re: Planning application AL/11/24/OUT. Land east of Westergate (CALA HOMES) (Case Ref: AG28725)

Dear Jean,

Thank you for contacting me in relation to local development.

Since my election in 2019 I have been a consistent champion for our rural communities and an outspoken opponent of unsustainable development on greenbelt land in our very special part of the world. I have repeatedly called for the government to pursue a brownfield first strategy for house building, which I am delighted that the government has since adopted.

Like you I am appalled by the way in which inappropriate development has directly contributed to flooding in the Barnham, Eastergate and Westergate area. I visited your area at the height of the flooding in December to see the damage for myself. At the time I contacted Arun Council to demand an immediate moratorium on all local housebuilding because of the effect this was having on local sewage flooding. We cannot build any more houses until a comprehensive report and remediation plans are published. I want Arun District Council to see for themselves the pressure that the local infrastructure is under and to halt any further development until such time that it is clear that there will not be further events like we have witnessed in your community.

To this end I am completely opposed to the Carla Homes development for the reasons you have laid out. I am working with the Parish Council to oppose these plans and will be making my own submission against the application. I fully support resident's efforts to prevent this unsuitable development.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Kind regards,

Andrew

Andrew Griffith MP

From: Jean Rogers

Sent: 24 March 2024 15:03

To: GRIFFITH, Andrew

Subject: Planning application AL/11/24/OUT. Land east of Westergate (CALA HOMES)

Dear Andrew Griffith,

I am contacting you as my Member of Parliament - Arundel and South Downs. Our postal code is PO20 3UT

I know you are thoroughly aware of the horrendous sewage spills and collapse of the sewage piping in our area prior to Christmas; the Armed Forces Veteran who was forced to vacate his home due to sewage flooding - for the second time - and now lives with his wife and dogs in a caravan; and the closing of the road between Eastergate (where we live) and Barnham village and station for a number of weeks resulting in heavy traffic along unsuitable country lanes in dangerous and inclement weather, whilst tankers removed sewage. Tankers can still be seen in many parts of the area and the local streams and wildlife are becoming contaminated.

I also am aware that you attended a meeting of the Aldingbourne Parish Council on 27th January this year and I have pasted some of the draft Minutes below my email of the subsequent Committee meeting on 11th March where another 100 plus residents turned up and health concerns, wildlife contamination and flooding were discussed. The photos I am also attaching of sewage spills on this land were taken on 4th March.

You were made well aware of our anger in January since voters in Barnham, Eastergate, Westergate and Aldingbourne have been protesting for well over a decade about the building plans (on prime farm land!), the flooding in this area and the total inability of Southern Water to keep us, our children and the local wildlife free from contamination. Sewage leaks have been commonplace, yet government, developers and planners have continued to ignore our concerns.

I beg you to demand a halt is called to this building madness. This latest bid by Carla Homes is unacceptable. They have been turned down in the past and have just bided their time before coming back yet again. The reasons against were valid in the past and are still valid and certainly not backed by Southern Water who we understand admit they are at sewage capacity in the area.

If you value your position as a custodian and champion for this beautiful and valuable part of England, its food producing and its heritage, plus the wellbeing and health of its residents you will listen to the anger, frustration and fear and use your influence and position to stop this planning application above, and review others.

Yours sincerely,
Jean Hartley (Mrs.)
Job's Well
church Lane
Eastergate
PO20 3UT

Draft Minutes Aldingbourne Parish Council and photos of sewage spills by the rife on the planned building area, behind the Eastergate Primary School

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993. As there were approximately 100 members of the public in attendance to discuss application AL/11/24/OUT. Land east of Westergate (CALA Homes) the Chair of planning Cllr Foott brought forward this application from agenda item 9.

Cllr Foott at the start of the meeting advised residents that the parish council is not the decision makers in this process, but is a statutory consultee and it is Arun District Council who will make the decision. Cllr Foott then outlined the application and provided the following information:-

- The application is part of the BEW strategic allocation which has a number of applications on the strategic development site. It is accepted that housing will be built across the strategic site as a whole and it is the parish councils' position if the site as a whole was properly designed, this would ideally be the community area.
- There have been several applications for this site over the years and that the parish council has objected to all of them on the basis that the land should be used as a biodiversity area and for recreational use for residents to use as other developments are constructed and land becomes sparse.

- The land is owned by two developers believed to be Hampshire Development Corporation (HDC) and Mr Gillbard.
- The parish council hosted a meeting with Andrew Griffith MP 26.01.24 with over 70 residents in attendance and he is more than aware of the public's concerns, as flooding, sewage, the A29 and infrastructure were all raised. It was made clear that

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