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Dear Sirs,

I am writing to object to the planning application AL/11/24/OUT, the application for 400 houses in fields at Eastergate.

The area is completely unsuitable for any development.

This wet winter has shown that the existing drainage system cannot cope with the amount of surface run off rainwater. On occasion, I have not been able to get from my home in Westergate directly to Bognor Regis due to flooding of the A29. I have not been able to go through Barnham due to flooding and or sewage system collapse. I have not been able to go north via Fontwell Avenue closures due to flooding. I have not been able to use Nyton Road due to flooding.

Existing sewage systems are failing on a regular basis either through collapse or by sheer volume leading to local treatment facilities reaching capacity.

Roads are not up to the task of dealing with existing traffic. It often takes me 10 minutes to get out of Oliver's Meadow onto the A29 to go north or south. This issue is exacerbated by the Woodgate level crossing. On my way home from work I can often be in a queue tailed back to the war memorial, Eastergate to the level crossing. The Compass bus going to Bognor is inadequate and unusable. The new Stagecoach 500 service is a good model and the increased use surely proves the point that public transport is part of the answer.

Local facilities cannot cope with the existing population. It's virtually impossible to get to see the local doctor at the Croft Surgery. Parking at Barnham is also a problem with cars being parked poorly by the roadside at peak food takeaway times, forcing traffic to slow dangerously.

The impact that extra housing will have on wildlife is probably the most damaging of all. We have seen egrets, voles, bats, deer and hedgehogs in this area in the last year, some of which are threatened species. Habitat has been lost and wildlife has been squeezed out. Soon they will have nowhere left.

For these reasons and I'm sure there are many others, there should be no further development in this area at least until the infrastructure has been improved.

Yours sincerely,
Darran Folk

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