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Subject: Application Ref AL/11/24/OUT

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I am writing to you to strongly object against the proposed Cala Homes planning application as named above, to the land east of Westergate.

Firstly on a personal note I feel that you have concreted over enough of the local environment from Yapton all the way through to Fontwell including Westergate and south towards Lidsey. We now have flooding on roads that previous to all this development never had it, subsequently the surface of local roads is very poor with many potholes which are getting deeper and more dangerous by the day and with no signs of repairs being carried out to improve safety.

Secondly my concern is for the impact on the environment as a whole. Where is the wildlife going to go so that they can continue to thrive because there are not going to be any areas for them with all this building. We are continually being told to protect the environment and yet you, the powers that be, seem to be exempt as you gaily destroy the environment that all people in this area chose to make their home. The land that this proposed development, funny to use that word, because I think destruction is more apt, has biodiversity corridors running through it plus the waters of the Eastergate Rife.

Thirdly the question of drainage, sewage and further destruction of the environment. Will the Lidsey sewage works be able to cope with effluent from 400 plus more properties. I understand that Southern Water have 'strongly advised against' further development in the local area due to overburdening in times of heavy rainfall which with global warming we are seeing more and more frequently. Weeks and months of heavy rainfall over the last few winters causing road closures and disruption to local residents.

Fourthly the proposed vehicle access onto the A29 via Pine Close is grossly unfair because I'm sure that when the residents purchased their properties there it was because it was a small close with little traffic and YOU are going to allow the properties to be blighted by vehicles from initially 400 new houses most of which will have at least 2 cars, engines running and polluting the atmosphere whilst they queue to get out onto the already overburdened A29 especially when the crossing gates are closed. If I owned a property on Pine Close and you allowed this I would seriously consider what sort of compensation was required for blighting my day to day life and devaluing my property.

Lastly if your argument is that the area needs more affordable housing then may I remind you that housing is not affordable in this area and as far as I can tell the only people moving in are those from London and other areas, overspill.

Please stop this madness or are we the residents of this area the only ones who are intelligent enough to be able to foresee the destruction of our communities and environment.

Mary Nightingale
Resident of Westergate since 1986.