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Having been a resident in my Westergate home for nearly 40 years, I wish to register my concerns about the future building plans for the area of 'the five villages'. Every small package of land that can be requisitioned has been developed in recent years, mainly using green field sites, and the 'five villages' area is now changed to an urban sprawl.

Living on the main A29, the traffic congestion is now totally unacceptable on an unsuitable road designed more for infants schools and village life. Heavy vehicles including trans continental lorries shake the houses, queue at the level crossing and make it almost impossible to leave the driveway.

My second main area of concern is that by using all the packets of green fields, flooding is a real worry from the Aldingbourne rife. I appreciate we have had a wet winter but it is clear that without the green sponges absorbing the rain, the water table in this area is totally saturated. I have never seen flooding in Fontwell Avenue in my 40 years in this area, yet this year, coinciding with the new estates built on the green fields of Fontwell, the road has now flooded! I have also seen sewage coming out of the drains in the specific fields of this planning application and running into the rife. With subsidence on the Barnham Road, closures at Shripney due to flooding, Nyton Road and Fontwell Avenue flooding, on occasions it has been difficult to leave the area.

This area has had its fair share of new building and cannot absorb more houses in relation to its environs, doctors, schools and working opportunities for increasing numbers of residents. In short the area is being ruined and I wish my concerns to be taken notice of.

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