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29/3/2024

Dear Sir

Development to Land East of Westergate

Re your leaflet with the above proposal sent to local people.

We **DO NOT** support the proposed development.

These are our comments on the draft masterplan

Affordable Housing

Developers always say a percentage of homes will be affordable. They are all tied up with schemes which ultimately profit the builder not the buyer. None of these are available for the local young people to BUY. Surely a better scheme would be to offer LOCAL young people the opportunity to purchase at a reduced rate with the proviso that they cannot sell it on within 10 years. Our son, who earns a very good wage, is still unable to buy a new property in his local village after 38 years here. These will no doubt be sold to people outside the area and there will be no 'local' people in any of our villages in the future.

Cars and local amenities

This development will simply compound the massive increase in traffic within the village. Other builders in the area have promised a new road to Bognor but not until all the housing estates are completed. In the meantime, we must endure complete traffic gridlock in the early and late rush hours because of the massive influx of so many extra cars.

We believe that there should be firm projects for developers to invest in before you give permission to build. They could offer financial support to the rebuilding of the local Aldingbourne Sports Centre, they could offer more financial support to the building of the local Croft Surgery which is having to expand due to the increase in population, they could offer financial support to the construction of the new by-pass road to Bognor Regis, they could offer financial support to the local schools who will no doubt have to expand their capacity somehow for all the extra children. This would show their genuine desire to help the local area.

Environment

With the very recent massive problems that the area has had due to the increased rainfall, it is unbelievable that any more housing can be approved until the sewage and drainage problems have been resolved. Barnham Road, Fontwell Avenue, Shripney Road, ALL closed for extended periods of time (causing local chaos) because of flooding. Surely Planners realise

that the more you concrete an area, the less the water can drain into the soil and then that water HAS to go somewhere else??? When will common sense prevail above the destruction of the community??

These estates are often claimed to be “environmentally friendly’ but it just means that the Builders put in the minimum amount of trees and a pond, if we’re lucky. Surely the greatest environmental enhancement they can do is to give money BEFORE the build takes place to sort out the drainage and the road traffic gridlock which will follow the build.

We feel that enough housing has been built in what used to be our villages but now we seem to be just a conurbation of Bognor Regis.

Your sincerely

Malcolm and Rosemarie Fieldhouse

From: Rhiannon Lloyd on behalf of Planning
Sent: 03 April 2024 16:14
To: Planning Scanning
Subject: FW: Development to Land East of Westergate
Attachments: 2024 Housing Development.docx

REP AL/11/24/OUT

Thank you

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Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 9:29 AM
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Hi Rhiannon,

Yes, this will be for AL/11/24/OUT. The draft masterplan is an approved document from some years ago so it wont be this 🤔

Thanks

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Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 4:50 PM

To: Jessica Riches <Jessica.Riches@arun.gov.uk>

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Not sure if this relates to AL/11/24/OUT as they refer to a draft masterplan?

Thanks,

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Dear Sir

We attach a letter regarding the proposed development which we submitted before the closing date of 31/3/24 but have been advised to pass this on to yourselves. We have found it VERY difficult on your site to locate the correct department to lodge our objections so if you are not the correct people could you please pass this on to those dealing with objections.

Yours sincerely

Malcolm and Rosemarie Fieldhouse