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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Planning Application CM/1/17/OUT

I **OBJECT** strongly to this application as I believe it has not been properly thought through and our village is not able to cope with any development of this size.

1) The road network around this area is at gridlock several times a month and every morning & evening queues form and it can take 20 minutes to do a few hundred yards approaching the Clymping roundabout. Introducing another 300 more houses to land adjacent to this roundabout would only snarl up the road network more. Increasing the size of one roundabout will not solve the issue plus this will make entrance and exit to the primary school more of danger area. I don't think this has been fully thought through and if it had, this scheme would never been seen as viable.

2) This Land regularly floods. This photograph was taken in January 2014 and water was here for several months before it finally drained away. It is my understanding that the water table on this land is very high & therefore this issue will not be overcome by just introducing small ponds to collect the surface water.



This second picture was taken in October 2016 and it had been raining for only an hour so I believe this shows that at certain times of the year the water table is extremely high and the field in question will flood. It is a major concern of mine as to where this water will end up if this field gets built on. Housing on this land is likely to cause flooding and risk to existing houses in the area.



3) The infrastructure of our village will be unable to accommodate another 300 houses the primary school only has an intake of 15 children a year which is already oversubscribed. Doctors

surgeries in the area are already at capacity and it can take weeks to get a doctor's appointment. Our local hospitals are stretched and trying to get into a NHS dentist is difficult. There is simply not enough infrastructures to take the increase in the number of people which must be in the region of 1200 or more.

4) I do not feel that the wildlife report obtained is accurate. My property backs on to the field in question and whilst I do not have a pond in my garden every summer I have frogs and toads. It is not something I have introduced as they come from the field.



Also I have spoken to neighbours in Waterford Gardens & Appletree Walk who all have frogs & toads, & in Appletree Walk I have been told there are Newts living in garden ponds. In 2014 after the field had been badly flooded I had a total of 7 frogs. One weekend I released these into the local pond to allow them to breed in a habit that they would enjoy. However when this pond has been assessed no frogs have been found. Therefore what else has this report failed to pick up. I have also been sat in my garden on a summer evening with family with Bats flying over us so these must be in the area. I would like it noted that 3 deer occupy this field and there is also a large number of swans and birds that visit it from time to time.

5) The public transport system in our area already needs major improvements. Ford station has very limited parking and is already a danger most mornings & afternoons. In my opinion a car park should be created to allow people to drop and pick up children/commuters in a safe manner however as far as I understand there is nothing in the pipeline for this, so to introduce yet more housing to the immediate area will cause yet more danger at this station. Ford railway crossing notoriously for causing delays & backs up traffic you can sometimes be waiting 10-15 minutes go over the crossing! There is also a major issue further along Ford Road in Arundel & any additional traffic would cause even more danger to this area.

6) The Clymping neighbourhood plan allows for this land to stay as farming land and each year produces good food crops, so why should you need to change this. See photo taken from my garden.



7) I also believe that the light into my property would be affected and should detailed plans be submitted I will be very interested to see what type of housing will be built and will object to anything that will affect the light into my property.

Yours Sincerely

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Lisa Wickens