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29th May, 2017

Your Ref: CM1/17/OUT

I have lived in Climping for over 30 years and experienced its many changes during this time, including the 4 separate housing developments to the south of Horsemere Green Lane and enlargement to Rudford Industrial Estate and two further farm developments. Climping will always have traffic issues due to roads converging on the Littlehampton Bridge over the river Arun and the access required by an ever increasing number of drivers.
My 4-bed home has a view over fields to the west across Yapton Road, the users of which include an ever increasing number of skip and container lorries. We have a full and active life in the village and my daughter, son-in-law and 2 young grand-children live with us at Clovers. It is regrettable that there is no footway or safe access from my property to the A259 Farm Shop or the Village School. Push-chairs are difficult to manoeuvre along the verge north to Horsemere Green Lane so much so that we feel it would be unsafe to walk to the playground in May Close. I am told that there are insufficient children in Climping to support a Playground or Preschool for my grand-children to attend . I regret that they are currently taken by car to Walberton to meet their peers on a daily basis.

The Planning application for Climping Field would in my opinion create a real 'heart' for the village. Centralising the school and providing a safe car park for the Mums who can't walk from home , provision of a footpath network connecting up the village as a whole for retired people needing fresh air and exercise, retirement homes overlooking a pond where animals come to drink, perhaps a central 'Drop in' Coffee and Wifi (with superfast fibre broadband) Shop

where we can order our food deliveries and a Health Centre could be considered too. Consultation with Highways and investment in road alterations could slow down the traffic whilst keeping it moving safely through Climping.

Mulgrave Estates have made a huge commitment to us and I hope they are given the opportunity to deliver on this Application. I would like to buy a retirement home on this development and enjoy my remaining years in the village I love and where I can hear the larks singing.

Yours faithfully,
Joy Rutter

# 300+ HOME DEVELOPMENT IN CLYMPING, *NOT* PREVENTED

**Mulgrave Estates Ltd has received approval to construct at least 300 homes in the small rural village of Clymping in West Sussex.**

This came largely as a direct result of failure by residents to comment on the Arun District Council Local Plan that now supersedes any previously approved Neighbourhood Plans.

Despite the best efforts of the Parish Council, the local MP and an action group to keep residents informed of ways in which they could have helped to prevent this application from being approved, the vast majority of residents were said to be, "a bit busy" during the Local Plan consultation period that ended on 30 May 2017.

The village will more than double in size and the building works and disturbance upon Grade I farmland are set to continue for some considerable time. Many residents are now concerned by how much their homes may devalue during this period.

Residents failed to comment on the vast differences to the 'Housing Delivery' section of ADC's Local Plan. It states a minimum of 300 homes (and potentially a library and a school) would be built in the village upon Grade I farmland.

ADC naturally ensured the commenting process via its web portal was as tricky, time consuming, frustrating and annoying as possible in order to deter comments.

As a result, the ADC Local Plan was passed virtually unchallenged by residents and (as stated in the local plan itself) supersedes any previously adopted Neighbourhood Plan.

One resident stated, "I really didn't want all the extra traffic here because the roads can't take it, but I was watching Broadchurch on catch-up so didn't actually comment on the Local Plan myself. No one told me that my house could devalue by £30k…I just thought they'd get it sorted". Thorough investigative reports have failed to ascertain who 'they' are.

Another upset villager said "I thought I would let others do the objecting for me. I feel massively let down that they were too lazy to do so. The Clymping I know and love will never be the same again. Now I am going to have to live with this development or leave".

To reduce the likelihood of reading this news article for real, YOU need to comment on the Arun Local Plan by Tuesday 30th May 2017.

Guidelines on how to do this can be found at www.clympingfield.uk. Please share!

## RESPONSES MUST BE WITH ADC BY 30TH MAY

## THIS IS URGENT AND CONCERNS

## YOUR VILLAGE!