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Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 2:09 PM
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Subject: 300 homes Clymping - flooding concerns - reassurance required please

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Dear Mr Carrington, Mr Foreman and Mr Hardcastle

I am contacting you as I believe your companies (Foreman Homes and Climping Homes) are planning on building 300 houses just north of the A259 in Clymping West Sussex.

I live in Langmead close, south of the A259. This area has never flooded but I now have severe concerns about the safety of my property should these houses be built.

Please see attached a photograph of what the field looks like at present. (I do have drone footage but am unable to attach it to this correspondence – please contact me if you wish to view it.)

The field acts like a flood plain, retaining excess rainfall until the river Arun is able to cope. If a significant percentage of this land becomes concrete, during severe weather conditions the river will overflow. Please study the attached Environment Agency's warning map of likely flooding, issued last week for storm Ciaran. As you can see, this piece of land is now part of a very small island in Clymping that remains unflooded. I would suggest that it has not been built on in the past for a very good reason!

When this field is built upon, excess rainfall will have nowhere to go and nowhere to be naturally stored. It will take the line of least resistance towards the sea i.e. down Clymping Street and Brookpit lane, putting homes and the local school at risk.

I know that you have had research carried out in order to have your planning permission approved on appeal. I do not claim to totally understand the science behind it all but I feel the local knowledge of residents who witness the flooding first hand is a more reliable source of information. Please learn from failed developments such as Shripney in Bognor– building was allowed to occur to the north of the town, where excess rainfall would normally have been contained, and now the A29 and properties such as the Tesco carpark, the caravan park and substation flood, causing misery and mayhem.

If you are totally confident, that your planned drainage schemes will not increase the risk of flooding of other buildings, such as my home and the local school, please reassure me in writing and provide evidence that you have adequate insurance in case such an event should occur. This proposed development is causing much worry and I need guarantees that my only asset and home of nearly 25 years is not at risk.

I have sent copies of this correspondence to Arun Planning Department and Clymping Parish Council and I look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Grimwood

Resident of Clymping (the preferred spelling used by the parish council and locals!)





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Ford
Airfield
Industrial
Estate

Ford

Hawthorn Road

B2233

HM Prison

Tesco

Church Lane

Horsemere Green

Riverside
Industrial
Estate

Lineside
Road
Industrial
Estate



Yarnton Road

B250

Cockthorpe Lane

Greywater Lane

CLIMPING

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