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Dear Sir,

We wish to add our objections to the above application.

Whilst recognising that, against the totally justified concerns of residents, this application was given outline approval, circumstances have changed considerably:

Recent extremely heavy rainfall has led to the field on which three hundred homes are to be constructed, becoming flooded yet again. Since the initial storm three weeks ago, even the slightest downpour causes lakes to appear across large areas of the field. Apart from the impact on the field itself, flooding occurs in Church Lane and Horsemere Green Lane, with water running across the two roads.

As planners will be well aware, this is not the first time such problems have occurred but they are becoming more frequent and extreme. Residents of homes bordering the field are understandably becoming extremely concerned at the threat to their properties once it is built on.

Three years ago, during the summer lockdown, some of those residents were able to create small "allotments" as an extension to their gardens, an opportunity which was welcomed and very successful. However, in the Autumn of 2020 letters were received from Foreman Homes stating that this practice had to cease as they now owned the land

and would be shortly developing it. There was an offer to occupants that they might be able to reach an agreement to retain the small piece of land. That was THREE years ago and there has been no communication since!

In March 2021, Wessex Archaeology carried out a comprehensive survey and dig on the field. Conversations with the workers indicated that it had the potential to be a site of quite significant historical interest, with several quite important artefacts being uncovered. We were led to believe that these would be displayed to the village and the site preserved. Once again, there has been NOTHING since then!

Recent additions to the planning site from Climping Homes completely fail to address the flooding issue and how drainage might be introduced to ensure that all residents might be protected, instead focussing on play equipment and draft designs for a community building which could have been drawn by a child.

There seems little point in attaching further photographic evidence of the extent to which the whole of the field is affected by flooding, as this has already been provided, including in the form of drone footage. However, there is an open invitation to planners, councillors and representatives of the developer to “come and see for themselves”!

In conclusion, we urge that ADC planning committee make absolutely certain that the field is to be properly and effectively drained before any development is permitted, should the decision to let an area of prime arable land be destroyed still be approved.

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