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Kind regards

Claire



Subject: HOUSING, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ADC

OPEN LETTER TO THE CEO AND LEADER OF ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sirs,

Despite hundreds of objections, Arun District Council has granted outline planning permission to Taylor Wimpey for 280 dwellings on Sefter Pond, greenfield agricultural land north of Sefter Road (P/134/16/OUT). A further application related to this site has been submitted (P/24/20/RES) which seeks to progress this matter and hints that decisions may be made by planning officers and not by the elected councillors on the Development Control Committee. This would be highly inappropriate and undemocratic. I trust you will not condone such a move.

This land is known to flood every year for several months over the winter period even in moderate rains, and photographs have been taken of people swimming and sailing a dinghy on that lake. More importantly, the building plans appear to make no effort to mitigate the impact on our climate. No solar panels, no under floor heating, no ground source heat pumps. Nothing, beyond the normal cavity insulation and some landscaping. Nor is it clear how they intend to keep the inhabitants' feet dry and disperse this huge volume of water.

In the event that the threat from planning officers that ADC will face an expensive appeal in the event the application is refused (a threat not too far removed from blackmail), overawes the members of the DCC, would you please undertake to insert conditions, even at this late stage, to oblige the developers to install every carbon reduction measure possible, thus mitigating the climate change emergency which ADC has recently and formally recognised. They must also have ultrafast broadband connections as recently directed by the housing minister.

I also suggest that members of the DCC refuse this application unless and until such conditions are accepted, for this application and all future applications. The fact that our council, and many others, have approved hundreds of new houses across the country in recent times without any regard to energy conservation and carbon reduction is a disgrace. The fact that the building industry is acting with such breathtaking cynicism and with no sense of moral obligation to attempt to achieve carbon neutrality, is beyond the scope of this letter.

I further recommend that all constituents note how their councillor votes in these matters. Perhaps we should consider electing Green Party candidates in future.

Yours sincerely

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