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Sent: 09 August 2017 22:12
To: Planning
Subject: Planning application WA/44/17/OUT

For the attention of : Mr Michael Eastham.

Dear Sir,

I would like to register my opposition to the proposed planning application in Tupperts Field, Walberton. I live in Tye Lane adjacent to the field and list the following reasons for my objections apart from the fact it will cause myself and my neighbours great distress.

1. The Arun District Councillors agreed on the 12th of July 2017 the site was not suitable for development. Furthermore I do not believe the A.D.C. had the right to overturn out of hand the original Inspectors decision that this was declared local green space.
2. The neighbourhood plan does **not** include the site as it forms an important part of the pleasant village boundary, is not only a farmers field but a source of winter sustenance for local small mammals and birds providing shelter in the hedging and ditches and food in the stubble and forms part of the natural wildlife corridor.
3. Although currently under the plough there is a great shortage of grazing south of the Downs particularly for sheep & cattle for small stock owners and converting the field to grazing would be more beneficial to local small farmers and could be easily done.
4. The village is a popular location for holiday makers who enjoy walking, cycling, visiting Goodwood or Fontwell and prefer a quiet rustic location to stay. This planned housing would ruin the ambience of the village making it part of the urban sprawl that now seems to stretch virtually from Eastbourne to Southampton without let or hindrance. Walberton is one of the very few remaining Sussex villages which remains as a village unencumbered by massive development such as is planned. We should be preserving our historical villages for generations to come, not making them the centre of housing estates.
5. Tye Lane has a 7.5Tonne restriction on traffic, however with modern Sat Navs an increasing amount of massive container vehicles, tankers and plant now attempt to use the lane. There is no pedestrian walkway but the lane is part of the footway from the village to Slindon crossing the A27. Cyclists, Horse riders & pedestrians of all types already take their life in their hands trying to lead normal lives going up the lane. More traffic from yet another housing ghetto of commuters would only exacerbate the situation here and in the villages main street which already has problems.

6. Water drains from the chalk higher up and causes flooding risks especially for the houses directly below the field even when the ditches are maintained. We also have a distinct problem with sewerage as the local drains are insufficient.

7. Draft plans submitted for display obviously showed the barest minimum of houses that would be eventually granted planning permission. Whatever the size or amount built they would not be affordable to local rural employees or first time buyers unless the initial deposit was as little as 1%.

8. The residents would commute (as there is little local employment) either by driving to Barnham for the less than excellent Southern Rail train service and add to the congestion there, or enter the potholed badly maintained and highly congested A27. Ingress and egress from both Yapton Lane & Tye Lane are already compromised at certain times of the day and especially during events at Goodwood & Fontwell and these are frequent.

9. On the proposed Tupperts field site or indeed any other proposed building site in the area no facilities are to be provided for Schools, Dr's Surgeries & Dentists, those currently in existence are oversubscribed; neither are there any extra local shops or bus services planned to alleviate unnecessary travel or help older residents.

I would further point out that since this proposition to build on Tupperts field has become such a threat to those of us who live in Walberton I have never seen so many houses for sale in this village and they are selling much more slowly than you would expect; with some people moving as far away as Herefordshire in order to maintain a rural life.

You should all be ashamed destroying Sussex in this way.
Sometimes less is more.

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs G. Thomas



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