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Sent: 30 October 2017 15:56
To: Planning
Subject: REF: WA/73/17/OUT

Dear Mr Eastham

I am writing to object to the latest outline planning application for 157 houses to the Eastern side of Wandleys Lane.

This area really does not need to be subjected to yet another large housing development when there is already a high risk of flooding, traffic congestion, lack of availability at Doctors and Schools.

The proposed site was not designated for development under our Neighbourhood Plan and is outside of Fontwell Villages's built up boundary. There will be a massive increase in traffic in all the local lanes in and around Fontwell and Walberton and West Walberton Lane will pick up a lot of the traffic on what is already a very dangerous road. The site isn't anywhere near any of the local villages, so there would always be a need to use cars to get anywhere, including taking Children to school, going to and from work etc, dramatically increasing the traffic in the area.

Vehicle access to the site would be very dangerous given the width of Wandleys Lane and the access it has onto West Walberton Lane, and surely there must be a concern about highway safety when a development of this size is proposed in a rural setting.

The size of the development would also be very out of character with the villages and would put a lot of new houses in one place rather than spread around the villages.

Is the infrastructure in place in the villages to support all the additional public drainage and sewage? I very much doubt it as there have been issues of flooding in Walberton in recent years, which could very easily become worse.

In short, I am very concerned indeed about the number of proposed planning applications that are being put forward for Fontwell and Walberton at the moment and it rather feels like our villages are being sacrificed to keep the government happy and achieve targets. The villages will simply not be able to cope with the increased traffic, drainage, water system, and lack of additional infrastructure. I sincerely hope at some point someone is going to look at all the issues that are worrying the locals and start saying No to these developments.

Thank you for your time and I do hope all objections to this proposal are given consideration and are taken seriously.

Sincerely,

Maria McKenna
Grace Cottage, Copse Lane, Walberton