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Dear Mr Davis

Re. Y/20/18/OUT

I felt I had to write to you in response to Mr Adames's letter dated 4th October. Flansham is a delightful hamlet and as correctly stated by Mr Adames, there is not a Tesco or shop and certainly neither would be welcome. However, the hamlet has grown with the times, since the 1960's a number of new houses have been erected and some redundant farm buildings converted into dwellings. These include;

Cricketts
Willows
Red Barn House
Skyview House
The Fairway
Westward Hoe
Old Tiles
Little Garden House
Garden House
The Granary
Manor Cottage
Maple Cottage
The Old Dairy
The White House
The Shed
The Hatchery
The Stables

No doubt there are more but the point I am making is when the first new residents of the dwellings listed above arrived, did they bring with them 'noise, rubbish and ways and habits quite alien to the quite enclave of old civilisation' as Mr Adames is suggesting new residents bring? I think not, they have, since the 60's added new life to the hamlet.

To suggest the erection of 10, expensive, upmarket new houses built on land completely invisible from Hoe Lane would put Flansham at risk is preposterous. A further 10 residents can only add new blood to the hamlet.

Indeed, the only damage to Flansham's tranquillity and character since the 1960's is the conversion, several years ago, of the Chessels farm buildings to significant commercial use. It seems Mr Adames concern for Flansham was outweighed by financial gain when he carried out the conversion of these farm buildings. The word hypocrisy springs to mind!

Yours sincerely

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