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Dear Sir

I am writing to your department again as I feel absolute anxiety regarding the many building projects which are constantly being proposed for the Yapton, Ford and Barnham areas. The farmer who owns much of the land around this area has forgotten the great responsibility he was given when he was bequeathed this land. I feel sure his forebears intended the land to be used for growing and grazing, not to be covered in concrete, and whilst I understand the need for housing, does it have to be at the cost of this once green and pleasant land we are so lucky to have grown up in.

In my previous letters I have mentioned the lack of schools in this area. I live on a once fairly quiet road one house away from the local school. Now mornings and afternoons, I watch the cars jostling for parking spaces, they park on the grass verges, double yellow lines, in front of people's driveways, anywhere in fact that it is possible to enable them to deliver and collect their children. A lot of the plastic bollards have been knocked down or damaged. Several times recently, the road has been completely gridlocked for some time. There were cars, large lorries, tractors, a bus, all trying to avoid the parked cars, which were everywhere, it was mayhem, even so the drivers stayed calm. What will it be like when the sites already under development in Barnham road are finished and inhabited.

The owners of Stakers farmland are, I understand, already proposing more housing on farming land, including an area at present being used as a riding stable, which is far more in keeping with a village. I can only say that although there appears to be the land, the other amenities are absent. One school, one Doctor's surgery, narrow and crowded roads.

I have a question; how will it be possible to feed this huge population when there is no farming land left? I also understand that there will be water shortages as well, as our reservoirs will not be able to keep up with demand, we are already becoming short of this, most precious commodity. Now another ten acres are to be sacrificed, I know this land was, until recently used for raising crops.

My son recently came home for a few months to save money towards a mortgage deposit for his own home, I live in an annex and did not pay council tax, but as soon as my son returned the council sent me a council tax bill. I understand and of course will pay this tax. I am a widow and brought my children up by myself without help from anywhere, no affordable housing for me, I was expected to look after myself and I have done so. One commodity which is free is contraception, instead of using that, people want as many children as they think they have a right to so long as somebody else foots the bill. I met a couple of those people last week with six children and no job between them, but that's alright, affordable housing will be made available for them.

Please, please help stop the ravaging of our village and the countryside.

Yours sincerely

