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To: Planning
Subject: Application Ref Y/99/13

We are writing to express our strong disapproval to the application to build 250 new houses on an area of Greenfield grade 1 arable land, which will destroy highly productive grade 1 farmland and well used footpaths and which will also destroy the character and setting of the Church Road and St Mary's church Yapton conservation areas. We agree with the 2013 Sustainability Assessment paper which concludes this area has poor infrastructure, local facilities, employment and is highly sensitive on ecological grounds due to its open landscape. Yapton is a small rural village and 250 new houses will change its character, placing more stress on the village's limited facilities (doctors, dentists, schools, etc etc , plus extra strain on already insufficient roads, sewers and other utilities). Unless sewers and drainage are considerably improved, flooding in this area will get worse than it is already. Why build on valuable arable land when the country already struggles to produce sufficient crops to feed the current population?

More importantly the Yapton Neighbourhood Plan accommodates the village's housing requirement for the next 15 years. The proposed site for development has never been put forward for genuine full Community consideration and this is not good enough, not acceptable. People who live in the area have a right to express their concerns and strong opposition to this proposal. There is far too much building already taking place along the coastal plain and many areas are already at risk of flooding without the proposal to increase the number by another 250 houses.

We are residents of Walberton, where we have only lived for 12 years, but over this time the amount of traffic, both cars and larger vehicles, has increased tremendously and this can only get worse with the extra vehicles which will inevitably come through the village if this development is given the go-ahead.

The Public must be given a chance to air their views and for them to be taken into consideration before this application is considered any further.

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