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Dear Sir/Madam

I am probably a bit younger than the average villager who has written to you in the fight against this proposed housing development. In fact, it was only twelve years ago that I left Yapton Primary School, and my memories of it are still fresh. I remember being in school plays, conkers in the playground, and summer sports day. I can also remember a classroom ill-equipped to handle the growing number of students, and a road outside that was almost full to bursting with the cars of families and commuters. Even at the infamous Comet Corner I have seen with my own eyes traumatic road incidents due to the sheer amount of vehicles trying to get through. The flowers left behind after a fatality.

Are you making any improvements or extensions to our local schools?

Is the infrastructure of our roads going to be improved, to make it safer for the two hundred and fifty new families that you hope will move into the area?

Just this week, a loved one called me to tell me a nurse had urged him to go to the Accident and Emergency unit at St. Richard's Hospital in Chichester. He was in a great deal of pain, and it was very distressing time. However, he didn't go. He decided to bear the pain until his local Surgery was open - because he didn't fancy waiting over four hours to be seen in the overcrowded emergency department. Even getting an appointment at Yapton Surgery can take days, because of the sheer volume of people desperate to get just ten minutes with a doctor.

What changes are you making to these local health services, to help them cope with all these new patients?

It's no secret that we're in a troubling economy. Many families are losing their cars, their jobs, their homes. The use of Food Banks is up 170% in one year.

So here's another question the residents of Yapton would like to hear an answer to: How many of these houses are going to be affordable, or social housing, for the thousands of struggling families in the UK trying to get a foot on the housing ladder? To be able to live peacefully, without a bulging mortgage weighing on their minds?

This brings me to the recent development of houses surrounding the Bognor Bypass. Or, as it now looks, the large muddy patch of land which they might build houses on some day, if they can get round to finishing that road that's been over four years in the making.

How many of those houses have been sold? Has it really been worth the months of road works that have gone into building it? My guess is they didn't really think it through. It's clear from the huge negative reaction to the Ford Eco-Town that huge, unsustainable housing developments aren't such a popular solution. And that's not the only development happening in the area. There's another six hundred new homes which have got the go-ahead in Littlehampton, which I'm sure you're aware of.

We understand you're under a great deal of pressure. But is this rush job really the answer? You may be bored reading this list of reasons why this development shouldn't happen. You already know the reasons why it's not a good idea. There are plenty of other options which I'm sure the other residents of Yapton are all too happy to discuss with you.

So make a difference. Be the voice of the people. Make a change.

Yours faithfully,

Megan Morgan
Resident of Yapton