

## **Objection to Planning Application Number 242067 : Housing development on land bordering Lodge Rd and Tape Lane Hurst**

### **“Pictures are worth 1000 words”**

The pictures enclosed in two parts were taken from Tape lane over the years and throughout the seasons to support of our written objection .They show Councillors and Council Officers :-

- 1.The impact this loss of green space and habitat would have on our village. It will be lost forever if this proposed development is approved.
- 2 .The extent of flooding on the proposed development site and in Tape Lane as far back as 2017 that throughout the winter months and spring often extends along the A321 to Wards Cross and Lodge Road due to the totally inadequate surface and foul drainage system serving Hurst that Thames Water refuse to upgrade .



**The proposed development site : A tranquil oasis and attractive landscape in the centre of Hurst Village with hedgerows full of nesting birds and wildlife inc foxes, rabbits, a hunting ground for birds of prey, and substantial grazing pasture that can never be replaced.**



**Local amenity : Horses and donkeys have been grazing here or over 40 years to the delight of locals and children walking and cycling to and from school .**



**The tranquil winter Landscape**



**Glorious views of the pasture in the summer**



**The proposed development site is also a popular feeding and resting area throughout the seasons for flocks of wild birds and migrating Canada Geese**



**Flooding : The proposed development site /pasture and surrounding roads has a history of flooding that has got much worse in recent years.**

**Flooded 2017**



**Flooded 2021**



**Flooded 2022**



## Extent of flooding on Proposed Development Site 2nd January 2023



## Extent of Flooding on Proposed Development Site 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023



## Extent of Flooding on Proposed Development site 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023



**Still flooded  
16<sup>th</sup> January 2023**



## Proposed Development site flooded

**1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**



**Still flooded 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023**



**Extent of flooding and sewage floating in Tape Lane looking East bound on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023**  
**Worst flooding in over 40 years**



## Development Site Flooded 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024



**9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 :Substantial Flooding and sewage again in Tape Lane and surrounding area .**



**Development Site Flooded 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024**



**Still Flooded March 2024**



**Pictures taken by Derek Birtles : Ballacloan , Tape Lane Hurst**