

PLANNING REF : 252498
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Field View House
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SUBMITTED BY : Mr Mark Chatfield
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COMMENTS:

I wish to object to this application and the development of Hall Farm in general on the following grounds:

1. Too many houses have already been developed in this area causing the loss of huge areas of green space, massive increase in the traffic congestions and a complete loss of identity for the once individual village areas

2. Existing infrastructure including roads, water & sewage cannot cope with the development proposed and the infrastructure proposed within the application is far from being clear, in terms of scale, delivery timescale and commitment. The sewage pumping station cannot cope with the existing developments in the area, sewage discharges and an almost daily need for tanker lorries to be on site during the winter, despite assurances that infrastructure proposals on previous developments

would overcome these issues. Experience of other developments in the area and the timescale for delivery of the supporting infrastructure, suggests the area would have serious problems if the developers are not forced to provide all the infrastructure upfront.

3. Loss of green space and the effect on the well-being of the existing and new residents alike cannot be underestimated. The area has already lost vast areas of green space, replaced by artificial spaces and spaces often covered by flood water, there is amongst residents, a feeling of loss and of being hemmed in, further development will have a negative effect on the well-being of the residents.

4. The demand for housing need in the area is not infinite, there are more houses available in the area now than at any time, suggesting the need is not there as it once was. Unfortunately, the one area of need, low cost starter homes for the youth of the existing residents, has been consistently neglected with all the previous developments which is forcing the young to move out of the area.

5. This development is being proposed to satisfy the requirements of the Government for housing numbers, based upon ill conceived and inappropriate formula which takes little or no account of local circumstances. Local government needs to push back harder and reject these ridiculous inappropriate numbers.

I would like the local council and the planning officers to stand up for what is right for a change, rather than follow unsustainable inappropriate rules which clearly are not in the best interests of the area or its residents. REJECT this proposal.