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Planning

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HDC Ref. DC/25/0894 - 89 residential dwellings planned

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Dear HDC/MP for Horsham,

I am writing to convey my disappointment and concerns relating to the proposed development on the land south of Broadbridge Way Broadbridge Heath, West Sussex as described in the letter sent to some residents (note: not all residents) of the local area. May I remind you we live in a free society, with freedom to information, by not delivering letters to all residents/owners of the area concerned you are assuming certain privileges you do not have.

As for the land, this was originally zoned for a school and a centre for a pub/restaurant and a few shops, all adding to the attractiveness of the new development known as Wickhurst Green. Families planning to start families bought here because there was to be a local school for their children. The other facilities also added to the shine of the development. This has now all gone away, who is going to compensate the local residents/owners for the proposed replacement? Cost of extra travelling, additional air pollution, to name a few things all disregarded for a chance at profit. Why do we have to live like this, when money overrules the quality of life we have all spent a lot of money to achieve?

It seems once the maximum profit of a housing development is achieved, then the project is abandoned and only receives minimal attention to "keep locals happy". This is wrong. Wickhurst Green is a shambles, just spare the time to walk around the estate and see the traffic issues, especially at peak times, caused because by nature people use the shortest route between points, and DO NOT use the new bridge over the A24. You as a council have done nothing to correct your error in design, no signs to redirect traffic, no exclusivity for local residents, and only weak excuses for not reopening the bus lane at the CoOp.

The two bends on Sargent Way, either side of the Pelling Way T-junction, are not wide enough and do not have the correct radii to two way traffic, so cars in one direction have to pause to allow the traffic in the other direction to pass. When people are rushing, this doesn't happen, resulting in two accidents in the past month. It is surely only a matter of time before we have serious injury or fatality due to this design. As it was approved by council, it is surely your responsibility to correct this, even if it was not constructed correctly. The roads to the development have not been adopted by HDC yet, as they do not meet the requirements of a good road system. Surely this all needs to be achieved before another greedy developer is allowed to pilfer away at our lifestyle, at the least.

There is already a shortage of water for this whole area, past proposals have been declined due to this. As soon as summer arrives we get emails and text messages to save water or there will be a hosepipe ban, why do we have to be threatened like this year after year, and still have to consider a massive increase in the number of users?

Please take the local residents into consideration, walk the area at peak and off peak times, speak to the residents (door to door) and get a proper feel of why we are not in favour of a new housing development. In the current times life is not easy for most people, including residents/owners in the

Wickhurst Green development, we deserve consideration, not to be brushed aside because we don't fit into a developers plans. There are already rumours on social media that this is already "a done deal". Please prove this wrong, and give this whole situation a proper review, and give us what we paid for, not what a profiteer wants to achieve.

Regards

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