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Dear Sir/Madam,

REF: DC/25/2114 CHURCH FARM, UPPER BEEDING

I feel obliged to lodge my objection to a Development Plan by Fairfax Development Ltd. to build four large houses on Church Farm, Church Lane, Upper Beeding, West Sussex.

This land has been proven to be of **natural and ecological importance**, due to its variety of mammals, [REDACTED] reptiles, insects, **butterflies**, dragonflies, **rare bat's**, owls and birds that habitat this area. Some of which are protected species. This needs to be protected as a conservation area.

The developers cleared scrubland BEFORE they did a wildlife survey, giving a false representation of the animals that depend on this unique landscape.

The area includes, woodland, scrubland, waterways, flood plain, high and low level terrain. An excellent greenland site.

It would be a disaster to destroy this exceptional habitat, in an effort for developers to fulfil the national quota for affordable housing, which these houses are not.

Other concerns in the community is that Church Lane is not suitable for heavy construction vehicles.

The single track lane is narrow, with high grassy banks, and private properties edging the road.

It is used constantly by children accessing the bridge leading into Steyning, for the Steyning Grammar School.

It is used by dog walkers and hikers accessing the river walks.

It is used by parishioners using the ancient church facilities. Which may also be of archeological interest.

It is used by people accessing the local cafe/hub.

It is used by the residents of Church Lane. To increase the amount of traffic will add extra burden to this already busy one way road.

The objections further afield are, the existing traffic problems this village deals with. Potholes are a problem throughout the village, so heavy excavation & building vehicles would add to the poor quality of our roads,

Public transport buses having to wait while people move their parked cars, or having to reverse to allow the bus to continue its journey through the High Street.

The High Street is very often like a single road, seeing an enormous amount of street parking in recent years.

Access down the one way Church Lane from the High Street is also often narrowed by parked cars, particularly at school drop off and school pick up times. Also on occasions I have had to tell people to turn around as they are driving down it the wrong way.

The other access road is Hyde Lane, another road that gets congested by street parking, making it essentially a single track road.

All in all, this village (on the borders of the National Park Area) needs to consider what is important to us as residents. I want to be able to say that we help the environment by **protecting our rare species.**

Please help us to do this by stopping this development. Before the deadline of 10th February, 2026.

Yours Respectfully,



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