

Joanne Fisher

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Sent: 23 March 2025 16:16
To: Joanne Fisher
Subject: Application No: DM/25/0445 - LAND AT COLWELL FARM

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Dear Ms Fisher

OBJECTION LETTER

I write concerning application DM/25/0445 (deadline 28/3/2025). [REDACTED]
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I would like to emphasise that we had no previous knowledge of this proposal until we received the planning application letter from Mid-Sussex DC on 1st March. For such a major development proposal this lack of consultation by the developers with local residents is to be deplored.

[REDACTED] by email on 20th March detailing the several transport and safety concerns the development would give rise to and referring to a number of ecological and wildlife issues which are also of the highest import.

Her detailed analysis speaks for itself but I would like to stress certain implications if the development were to proceed:

The damage to the Conservation Area and the local “ green corridor” which abut the development site

The likely precedent set for future infill development south of the Lewes Road

The loss of character of this stretch of the Lewes Road, with some houses of heritage value, which serves as a gradual introduction to the townscape of Haywards Heath

The increased density of traffic and pollution on the A272, already a very busy road, with attendant safety and congestion concerns

The lack of connectivity of the site with local services, schools, shops and other amenities

The CPRE have conducted a very full analysis of the development proposals and I cite now extracts from their Report which concludes that the planning application should be refused:

As well as highlighting “the numerous serious health and safety issues that allowing the development would create”, and noting “the remoteness of the location from any local services” ,

their Report states that

“the cumulative effect of its (the development’s) locational, ecological, safety and car-dependant downsides” is such that “this would not be a sustainable development” and “contrary to ...the Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Plan”.

and summarises:

“There is substantial evidence that developments allowed at developer-led locations isolated from key facilities and services and from convenient public transport are creating car-dependant estates, and that car-led suburban sprawl is now the default model of development.”

We do hope that you will turn down this planning application whose likely effects if implemented would be deleterious to the Lewes Road and its environs.

