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Dear Mr Evans

Proposal for Erection of Stable Block on Agricultural Land to the East of Freshfield Lane

We write as concerned members of the public who live in Haywards Heath, know the local area well and have strong objections to unplanned house building.

The field in question forms part of the High Weald AONB and one of the objectives of the District Plan (DP12) is to protect the the visual properties of the landscape. DP16 states that development within the AONB will only be permitted where it conserves or enhances natural beauty. The proximity of the proposed development to Town Place, a heritage asset of Grade II listed status, is also of concern.

Planning consent for the erection of a barn on the land was sought and received in 2022 for the provision of food and hay for livestock and the storage of agricultural machinery in connection with land maintenance. To date no agricultural activity has been seen and, furthermore, access to the site created by the owner of the site has not received planning approval nor have the owners of the verge (WSCC) been approached for consent. A lorry has been parked on the site for more than a year also without permission.

The field of 5+ acres referred to in the Planning Statement will be reduced to 2+ acres if the six 0.5 acre plots within the field currently marketed are sold. If each horse requires at least 1 acre of grazing, according to equine guidelines, then even three horses could not be sensibly accommodated on this reduced acreage, and yet the current application is for a block of four stables.

The field has been repeatedly marketed and priced on the basis that eventually housebuilding will be permitted. The current application lacks credibility on the evidence set out above, falls foul of developments allowed within AONBs and conflicts with the objectives set out out in DP12 and DP16.

We therefore object to this planning application.

Yours sincerely

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