

Joanne Fisher

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To: Joanne Fisher
Subject: Planning Application No. DM/25/0445

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Proposal to develop housing on land at Colwell Farm Lewes Road
Extended closing date 28/03/ 2025

Dear Joanne Fisher,

I am writing to you as the case officer for the above application.

I have absolutely no objection to the increase in the density of housing on Lewes Road. It is obvious that every area needs to accept more housing development.

But this scheme is not just on a greenfield site. It is on a site particularly beneficial to nature. It is rare, because it is not surrounded by farmland which is constantly being sprayed with harmful chemicals so it has an abundance of birds, badgers, bats, dormice and grass snakes. Clearly it is a rich haven in an area where wildlife does not generally thrive.

The site could not be less appropriate for housing. There are no metalled pavements on the south side of Lewes Road, the traffic is heavy and fast moving and the verges are narrow on both sides of the road. There are no buses, no convenient shops and no local schools which can be reached easily.

It looks obvious that the site can only be of interest to property developers as a breakthrough "thin end of the wedge" scheme to begin to develop land to the South of Lewes Road which has previously been an area where development is not permitted.

I hope this scheme is rejected and the developer is encouraged to develop brownfield land instead.

Yours sincerely,