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Dear Sir / Madam

I would like to object to the Fairfax plan to build 1450 houses between Cuckfield and Ansty – Ref DM/23/2866 & 7

1. With regard to your planning policy DP13, development cannot be permitted because it will clearly result in the coalescence of settlements notably Cuckfield and Ansty. This will harm the separate identity and amenity of these two settlements and would have an unacceptably urbanising effect on the area between settlements. Any development would be in direct contravention of your policy.
2. Our biodiversity is in rapid decline partly due to loss of habitat, disturbance by dogs and pollution as a result of development. The assumption that we can just keep building houses and Mother Nature will fit in alongside is totally misguided– we are in very real danger of our natural ecosystems failing. Fairfax have jumped on the bandwagon and mentioned ‘rewilding’ as part of their greenwash. Could I point out 1450 houses, similar numbers of people, concrete and tarmac is urbanization not rewilding.
3. If you simply consider the biota in the soil alone, once that has been concreted and tarmacked over, it will simply be impossible to ever produce a 10% biodiversity net gain. Putting up some bird boxes will never make up for the initial loss of biodiversity from these fields.
4. It only takes one dry summer for our water supplies to be stretched to the limit. Furthermore, the water companies simply do not have the capacity to deal with the current levels of waste water and sewage never mind with even more housing development. This development is clearly completely unsustainable.
5. We are living with a warming climate, rising temperatures and more extreme weather events. Why are we continuing to exacerbate this situation by building more houses?
6. Our NHS, ambulance service and social care systems are at breaking point while mental health problems in our younger populations are also rocketing. Building more houses simply leads to greater demand on our services with more people chasing fewer resources which is the complete opposite of sustainability.
7. The clamour for more housing is driven by the desperation of the government for growth and the unadulterated greed of property developers. Ultimately, the only winners are the property developers who join the super-rich but ultimately it is our society that will suffer in the long term living in a continually degrading environment.

Best regards

