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We moved to Sayers Common to live in a village and yet this village has just grown and grown to disproportionate proportions that I never signed up for. Now it seems that enough is never enough and all that is happening is you are continually allowing more and more buildings to be erected without considering the ramifications of your actions first.

Personal Reasoning:

I am writing you this letter to complain in the strongest possible terms due to just how much this development impacts more on our home, more so than any other home on this entire planned development. It would appear from the plans that these homes would have a most inappropriate and direct view directly into our property due to them having the tiniest gardens imaginable, one that a fence simply cannot fix. In particular our home would, based on these particular plans, back onto the house with the smallest planned garden on the entire estate, bringing it closer to us than any other property on this entire development.

Our particular home does not benefit from any natural foliage or cover (thanks to a fire 4 years ago, a fire that started from the field in question and due to the farmer at the time not cutting back his hedgerow which then acted as a catalyst to the fire taking hold. This bad estate management in turn ended up wiping out our 100ft oak trees that used to stand there) subsequently now making us the most exposed property of all those in the road....and what they have planned for us is a property with the smallest of all the gardens on the estate backing onto us with open views... It seems that this field we loved to look out onto has now become our nemesis.

WHY HAVE THEY CHOSEN TO FACE HOUSES (WITH TINY GARDENS) DIRECTLY AT US WHEN THEY HAVE MANAGED TO DESIGN HOMES FURTHER UP THE DEVELOPMENT THAT ARE NOT ONLY GABLE FACING BUT ARE ALSO BACKING ONTO HOMES IN OUR ROAD THAT HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY LONGER GARDENS THAN US, AND HOMES THAT ALREADY HAVE THE BENEFIT OF ESTABLISHED FOLIAGE THEREFORE PROTECTING THEM FROM BEING AS OVERLOOKED AS IT WOULD IN OUR CASE.

If you came here to Furzeland Way first and saw the layout of this proposed development as planned,

prior to agreeing anything, you would understand just how invasive this current layout would be to house numbers 16-13 in particular. In my opinion it is a callous and ill concieved proposal. Whilst I understand that no doubt eventually homes will be built here - why are they further trying to upset us by planning these particular houses so badly, so close, and with ill regard for the people it will affect the most.

Why did they not attempt to plan gable ended properties rather than this current intrusive proposal?

Infrastructure:

Roads

Have you driven through Sayers Common lately?

If you have, you will hopefully already understand that movement is grinding to a halt on a daily basis, off street parking is minimal, therefore pushing people onto the main roads and in particular Reeds Lane where cars park (some business, some personal) and cause jams that can take an age to navigate past as this lane already hosts businesses galore, with their usual 9-5 needs and add to this streams of traffic trying to cut through to the A23 or a shortcut through to the Henfield Rd. Reeds Lane is never more than a single lane thoroughfare to traffic caused by the parking all along it and causing a bottleneck, the clue is by the way in its name Lane (a narrow road, especially in a rural area). You have already managed to almost grind Sayers Common to a near standstill at times due to ill conceived and vague planning considerations - and if the A23 ever closes for a crash - guess which route people take...it took me over 1hr to travel 1 mile not so long ago.

This Lane was never built to try and handle the flow of traffic that is now being thrown at it on a daily basis and this proposal would simply add even further demands to this already insufficient route. By my reckoning around another 50 - 75 cars would be added (should this be agreed) and in turn would bring with it the extra flow of delivery vans, service vans and family traffic that would wish to connect with these added people.

What worries me is that it seems you disregarded the above considerations when allowing a development directly across the road from this proposed development, why not wait and see just how much my words will ring true once the properties are inhabited before compounding it further still, or deal with widening Reeds Lane first to allow flow. It is already infuriating enough trying to drive down this Lane now, so why add more stress?

This Lane, as previously stated, cannot withstand any more building at this moment as other, more pressing, matters seriously need to be addressed first;

It seems that Healthcare, Education, Public Transportation, Waste Management considerations, and Recreational Facilities along with a number of other key requirements are needed first before building anymore houses - your adding the people and now for need to deal with these additions first...PLEASE STOP until you have addressed these other more pressing needs first.

Distress:

For what seems an eternity Sayers Common has undergone a common assault of development to our left and right and what you are now proposing is yet more building, more noise, more disruption, more dirt and dust coming into our homes... When will this ever end?

Quality of life wise all of these developments are taking a huge toll on every day living. Can we please have some respite and a chance to gather our breath, after all unless you are already living in this hell you would not understand the impact this has on our lives.

Nature:

Every night a family of Deer sleep in this field and have now made it their home. There are also 2 families of foxes that have lived here for over 25 years. As they don't have a voice let me speak for them and tell you just how upset they all are and how much they don't wish to move out either.

Drainage

When it rains this field becomes an absolute swimming pool and this year was worse as the new estate at the North end of the village has pushed this rain towards the field as well I presume because of the extra concrete that now stands there. Whilst I am no expert on drainage I do know that this village has a history of struggling to deal with rain water properly :again another reason to sit back for a while, and wait and watch to see what the side effects are first before building anything else first. Therefore my question is, if this is a field that already floods ad the drain systems here already struggle, what contingency do you plan to deal with where this water will now go?

To summarise... When are you going to stop saying Yes to builders and start to place the villagers' needs and requirements first. More people as you know mean more cars and yet you have done nothing to alleviate the underlying issues that currently exist first - all you have done is turn Sayers Common into a huge housing development!

Nobody wants this development and yet you seem to be oblivious to what effects this is having and the stress that this is having on this village.

Yours faithfully.

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