

Joanne Fisher

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To: Joanne Fisher
Subject: Re planning number DM/25/0445 Land at Colwell Farm, Lewes Road

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Dear Ms Fisher

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I strongly object to the building of 80 homes on the land at Colwell Farm. My reasons are as follows:

1. The land has been unused for a number of years and as a result has become a wildlife sanctuary for a large number of wild animals, some of which are endangers. To destroy this opportunity to protect our important wildlife would be short sighted and unacceptable.
2. The proposed development would be an intrusion into the countryside. Current plans show development of similar high density properties all the way to Colwell Lane. Do we really want to develop east of Colwell Road? We are in danger of having an urban sprawl that puts tremendous pressure on the environment and a strain on local infrastructure.
3. The proposed development is adjacent to the Lewes Road conservation area and the access road is built on the Lewes Road conservation area. The Conservation area is designed to preserve the area it covers. The Lewes Road Conservation area is "characterised by low density development, and represents the gradual transition from the countryside to the town" In your planning document you say the following features make a particular contribution to the character of the Conservation area:
A The variety of age and style of buildings, most of which are large properties set well back from the road and in spacious grounds.
B presence of trees and hedges around and between buildings C the presence of grass verges, hedges and fingers of agricultural land between dwellings which contribute to the rural character boy the area D the low density of development which creates a gradual transition from the countryside to urban area The proposal is completely incompatible with the Lewes Road Conservation area and on that basis alone the proposal should be rejected.
- 4 If the Council feel pressured from Central Government to approve the development of this unique piece of land, the Council should ensure that the development is of similar properties to those in the Lewes road Conservation area ie low density development with spacious grounds and hedges. This would at least provide some respite for wildlife.

Best regards

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