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Dear Councillor Louise Eastwood,

Reference the above proposal:

Since our original information on the core stratergy plan when we commented on the lack of facilities in Uckfield to accomodate the influx of such a development without a major upgrade of the transport, sewage,etc. and now the limited water supply to this area further consideration and consultation is of the utmost importance.

Uckfield has still not received adequate flood protection works, and the additional population envisaged would greatly overload the sewage system, and limit the surface water disposal, resulting in unthinkable consequences.

We are now in drought conditions due not only to weather conditions but to the lack of water storage to supply the town, and this development would would further agravate the inadequate system we rely on at present.

The transport system in and out of Uckfield for the population we have at present is a joke, in that we are locked into Uckfield because there is inadequate facilities to allow us to go to and from entertainment venues which are unfortunately outside of the town, and do not run late enough, likewise London, we can't get to Eastbourne on Sundays except via Brighton, and that is only part of the transport problem.

Our roads are such that relying on the car to overcome the inadequate public transport system blocks our high street very day of the week, imagine another two thousand cars plus traffic to the proposed additional industrial units, even the by-pass is queueing during the rush hours. The high street could be partly resolved immediately by banning the right turn at the traffic lights and sending the traffic down to turn right at the next turning thereby enabling traffic to flow straight into Church Road, but it worries me that the suggestion has not been implemented even temporarily.

Let us remember what happened when they built on our flood plain, what a planning mistake that was, and we can prevent any more if we insist on the infrastructure being in place before the enlargement of our town and surrounding areas.

Yours sincerely,
Ken Robinson.