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Dear Cllr Carvey,
I have had the Ridgewood farm Development leaflet put through my door and can not believe that some idiot is planning another estate in Uckfield.
It is clear to all those that know this area that the infrastructure can not support the numbers that they are planning.

The centre of Uckfield at peak times is becoming gridlocked and is now at the same state that it was before the bypass was built.
At school times it can take 20 minutes to get into town and in a recent incident my son after waiting 15 minutes without any sign of moving turned round at the highlands car park and came home.

Parking at key sites Tesco, Waitrose, Hospital and the station are already to capacity.
Have you tried parking in Luxford Fields car park on most mornings it is impossible.

If they continue with the expansion plans, then they need to tear down the whole centre of Uckfield including Bell Brook industrial estate and start again.
Have you been in Bellbrook when two 40 foot lorries trying to deliver are stuck and block the whole narrow winding road.

It is no good saying that they will change things after they build the estate, we know that will not happen. Look at the old railway land that should have been made available for parking years ago but the powers to be can not even get that going.
Years ago when I managed a team for Uckfield Grasshoppers we were told no more land was available to provide extra football pitches and we were being forced to play home games outside the town. I now understand that the Meads surgery is moving on to the same field at West park further restricting the available space.

Once again especially if they plan to open the railway line, the whole centre of Uckfield needs to be flattened and started again also another bypass to the east of the town.

Well for all that it is worth, I have had my say.

Chris Benn