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Dear John,

I am writing in response to the Ridgewood Farm Development proposals. I have lived in Uckfield most of my life (training to be a Registered Nurse in London) before returning with a young family. In these 40 years Uckfield has undertaken much change and expansion.

However i am now extremely concerned that any further development would put too much of a strain on the infrastructure of this town. We cannot expect to continue to build houses without including another secondary school (UCTC has almost 1500 pupils already). Doctors, dentists our community hospital will all be affected. Traffic in and around our town is at best a disaster, and with many more cars on the roads people will choose to shop further afield where parking and access is easier. I could go on and on and on, there are not nearly enough green spaces for our youngsters, the few in the town are over used by local football and rugby clubs. It has taken many many years to get the go ahead of the all weather pitch, something that is desparetely needed if we want to offer our young children the chance to exercise, to better themselves and avoid trouble by otherwise hanging around the town centre. These proposals do not go far enough to offer the right infrastructure and i worry what our future holds as a town.

May i also take this opportunity to say that i was never leafleted about a public meeting in February and discussing this with my neighbours neither were they, so to say that Uckfield has been kept uptodate every step of the way is misguided.

I therefore support the reopening of the consultation period and public meeting and totally oppose this or any further developments in Uckfield.

Yours faithfully

Katie Aldred