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Wealden District Council

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Planning Dept.

Re. Development of Ridgewood Farm

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is the 2ND letter sent to you regarding 1000 Houses all in one place, you are taking the easy way out by Building so many Houses in one Place & running Ridgewood we already have Sandgate, Pilsdon Fields, Nash Brown. The South of England is overpopulated now, you are destroying this Area, the By-Pass is too narrow now & gets Blocked every morning & evening, with all the Tailbacks trying to get through

Uckfield can now margin
3 or 4000 extra people in our
Area to homelessness

We dont have enough Water
in the South whatever Southern
Water say, the Town is too small
We need to save Ridgewood
Farm, it has a Copse where
there is a Spring & most of
the year gets flooded in
Winter, we have Badgers
Foxes, Woodpeckers & Lovely
Birds, Herons, Trees, Wild
flowers, are you willing
to destroy all this for Money
Think again you too many
Houses.
I have enclosed a letter in
the Leader this week &
thanks & regards to all

Councils

Shared the Homes Bonus England, the South is fuck w/-

Copy To:
Councillor John Cartwright

P.S. We should have a VOTE on all this Building

LIFE ON THE FARM *by Robin Page*



I HATE THE PHRASE 'the elephant in the room'. It is quite meaningless on the whole, yet in these parts we do have an elephant in the room – it is called 'devious development'.

Forget all the stuff about how the Government has listened and changed its new planning rules for the benefit of all of us. That is the devious part. Even before that nonsense had begun, all the councils in England had started a call for sites. They had been asked to find where two million houses could be built – inside and outside the Green Belt. It is quite scandalous.

What makes the situation so bad is the fact that local councils already receive money wherever planning permission is granted. Planning Gain is a system whereby developers promise large sums of money to the local council and the community if they get planning permission. Hard-up councils love that. In the Third World, we would call it a bribe – here, it has become part of the legal planning system.

Then there is the New Homes Bonus, whereby local councils get an annual Government handout for each new home built, for six years. What chance do objectors like me have? Around here we are being told we must have 1,000 new houses a year until the year 2030.

So what can be done? In a moment of utter foolishness, I have decided to stand in the district council elections as an 'independent'. Mr Cameron and Mr Clegg say they have given power 'back to the people'. I thought I would give it a go and see if it's true. Watch this space.