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Anne Cudd

Dear Mr. Carvey,

I am writing to you on behalf of my husband and myself concerning the above proposed development. We recently received a leaflet sent by the Ridings Action Group asking people to contact their local councillor regarding this subject.

During the last three years we have not seen any information about Uckfield's core strategy plan and the proposal to develop Ridgewood Farm. We also were not aware of a public meeting held in the Civic Centre on 11th February 2012. I did contact Wealden District Council recently when we saw an item about this development in the Sussex Express but by then it was too late and they put up the usual excuses about it being well advertised and that leaflets had been distributed to homes in the area. We did not receive anything as we would most certainly have attended the meeting.

We have lived in Ridgewood for nearly thirty years and every time we drive into the town along the bypass I cherish the beautiful view of countryside on both sides of the road. We realise that time does not stand still and that there is always a need for change but this is a step too far. Uckfield has already absorbed many new developments over the past few years and we think that enough is enough. None of the services can realistically cope with 1,000 more houses e.g. schools, doctors, hospital, car parking in the town etc etc. Also to decide to access this development onto the bypass is ridiculous. Why was the bypass built in the first place? To ensure that traffic could avoid Uckfield centre and have a unobstructed run through. Another big objection is water supply which as you know is in very short supply in this area. Why add to the problems?

I could continue with our objections but hope that at least our voice will add to many others in letting Wealden District Council know that what they plan is not acceptable.

We would like the consultation period and public meeting reopened. We attended the recent meeting regarding the proposed new road layouts for the centre of Uckfield. As I said then if no other major development was carried out in Uckfield there would be no need to alter the road system. There is a need for better and adequate parking for the station but wherever you live at peak times there will be some traffice hold ups.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Cudd (Mrs.)

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