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Hello Cllr Carvey. I am extremely concerned at the degree of development being allowed by Wealden at Ridgewood. It seems to me that Wealden's policy is to maximise development in Uckfield to meet its targets while minimising development in the surrounding villages. This is clearly unfair. We are all aware that the infrastructure in Uckfield is straining to cope with the existing population - schools are full, people cannot get on to doctors or dentists lists etc -and here is Wealden permitting a further 1000 homes with probably 4000 people. You and I are also aware that the policy of ESCC Highways will be to do the bare minimum to accomodate another 2000+ vehicles, probably by dropping a roundabout into the A22 without any attempt to widen the road or do anything else to fit the heavy increase in traffic flow in to the busy A22 bypass which is already at a standstill during rush hour periods - the Highways people have no other ideas when imagination is required. Finally, the consultation on this has been a joke and a sham practiced by our so-called local authority. I had no notice of the February public meeting (although had I attended I doubt the Wealden people would have taken any more notice of the views of me and others than they have at previous such meetings) but *would have attended and made my views clear. Cllr I hope that you echo my views and more to the point do all that you can to get them over to these people at Wealden who seem to be unaware that they are there to carry out the policies of those who pay their wages and not to do what THEY WANT. Please at the least do all that you can to extend the cons*ultation period, to make it REAL and not sham consultation and to reopen the public hearing process. Tnank You. Roy Harris