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Dear Councillors,

Further to receiving a campaign leaflet from The Ridings Action Group, urging me to 'express my views and concerns', I write in full support of development of Ridgewood Farm:

* It is the most sensible large development area available in Uckfield compared with Bird-In-Eye Farm or Southdown Farm,
* Each Wealden Town, like many nationally must, contribute to the demand in housing,
* Uckfield needs a better population demographic, one able to contribute to the town,

My reservations however, include assurance:

* That the highway authorities' 4 stage transport strategy is adequately financed from the development,
* That the development is purpose-built for the market,
* That the development is designed to a carbon-neutral specification,
* That the development is interconnected and has motor-free connections to the town centre, NO MORE CURVY ESTATE ROADS FULL OF CUL_DE_SACS!
* That the development includes facilities to handle its own surface and foul water run-off, plus measures to control Ridgewood Stream.

The other affected authorities benefit either indirectly from a larger town or have a commercial interest in enlargement. There is no need to dual the A22 Uckfield By-pass, its nodes were built with adequate capacity including the land to extend the roundabout flares.

The proposal gives the opportunity to learn from the common mistakes made elsewhere in the town, both local authorities (had) and prospective developers have the expertise to steer the development in the correct direction. I hope that you will take my comments on board and convey them if necessary.

Meanwhile, the Fascists in The Ridings, who expect a free view of open countryside with their property can go live in Crowborough, they will feel more at home.

Yours sincerely

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