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WD/ 2022/1637/MEA , Downlands farm Uckfield.

Is Property causing poverty?

They want to get on to a property ladder. We need to be getting off this ladder to nowhere. If we paid more for our food and less on housing all would benefit

I would like to start with giving you some facts.

In the year 1900, the average person spent just 10% of their wages on housing, at that time mostly it would have been a rent.& 50% on food.

Today one can be paying 50 % of one's income on housing, and 10% on food.

If a person today was working 8 hours a day and paying 60% on their income on housing that would equate to 24 hours a week or 3 days. just to keep a house.

Modern estates are the reason we are seeing an increase in Mental health issues and depression, & the breakup of many families, as one wage won't pay the bills.

This plan will do nothing for the welfare of the residents. And should be reconsidered for a different layout and design.

Wealden officers have said, it would be the responsibility of the developer as to how the scheme is improved or amended based upon comments. This should not be so, The developers should build what is needed, not what they want to sell.

The developer should not be allowed to sell on the market or build to rent.

Or they will be advertising for buyers in London where many people have sold to foreign buyers with large sums of capital available. And the housing Association will be advertising in Manchester for one, so to break-up the gangs to move them elsewhere.

Therefore the enclosed design could be set as an example, where there would be two thirds of the site as open space for exercises, and food growing for the residents.

Also, there would be no one paying rents or working all hours to pay off a large mortgage. A work place within the complex, maybe an Education station and a Retirement village.

Please find enclosed an 8 page document to debate creating a Community Land Trust to take on board all the sites where planning permission has been granted, but not started, other than a road in maybe. Also the Trust plan for all new developments in future., also enclosed is a presentation.

Regarding the Trust scheme, while one can purchase the homes, they can only sell back to the Trust, not onto the-open market, maintaining the affordability for future generations. Those who have a property could sell, could buy a new Trust home, and put £100,000 in a Trust fund account and get say 5% interest. The Trust gets their money from the Care resident's fees.

Developers would be invited to build the Homes, if they refuse, take the land in hand (compulsory purchase it)and the Local Council can build them themselves.

True, most of the sites have been bought by the developers. But one could do some up market homes and some cheaper ones.

Southern England ,with climate change , will become better than Northern France used to be. Therefore we should not be building houses all-over South East England, other than for those local people in need of somewhere to live.

A design as in page three, could become template, built with a log cabin effect, a three bed home costs £160,000 ;one still has to add the infrastructure and land, but the land on new sites would be based on 100 years farming or three generations paid in advance.

This would be an answer to the Housing, Care crisis and farming to feed the nation on a healthy diet. One needs to ask, is it right for someone to pay rent to another, and in doing so, pay for someone else's house?

In villages for example, build 20/ 30 homes on land that is not first class food growing land, add £5,000 to each one for the Parish council. They then could enlarge the local shop so they could cater for all the local needs, thus saving families travelling to the towns, and creating traffic gridlock

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