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Wealden Planning Policy Team
Wealden District Council
Vicarage Lane, Hailsham
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For the attention of Ms Emma Garner

Dear Ms Garner

We have received a letter from Martin Bowden of New Pond Hill drawing our attention to the proposed changes to the Local Plan in terms of development potential. We had no idea that any such plan existed or indeed that our house on the eastern side of Little London Road was within an area that had already been designated as a possible development area. Having lived in this property for 21 years, we wonder why we have never been told this.

As to the proposed extension of the potential development area shown by the dotted line on the map on the Council's website, we can understand the concern of people living in New Pond Hill that there could be the possibility of a developer acquiring properties in that area in the future for wholesale development. Although this particular proposal may not affect our property directly, there are a number of issues that would affect us and our neighbours in other ways should there be any medium to large scale development on either side of Little London Road (A267). For example:

- The current Heathfield infrastructure could not cope with further development with doctors and dentists already, to our knowledge, working at capacity. Where we currently have an excellent service at the Firs Surgery in Little London Road in comparison to what we're told about elsewhere, that would be unlikely to last?
- We understand that the primary school in Sheepsetting Lane is also at capacity and would therefore require further development;
- The north end of Little London Road is already a "rat race", especially at peak times and throughout the summer. It could not cope safely with additional traffic wishing to access the road from new properties built along either side;
- The junction of the A267 at the New Pond Hill/Pages Hill is already a high risk area and this would be worsened;
- And more children attending the school in Sheepsetting Lane would mean more cars requiring access to and from Little London Road;

As our property is not immediately adjacent to the area within the dotted line, we assume that we are not likely to be served with a Planning notice regarding proposed developments in that area. We have therefore asked Mr. Bowden to let us know if and when any such document arrives and that we will be happy to support any formal objection that he or his neighbours may wish to raise.

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David & Marlene Jackson

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