

September 3rd 2016 - An email was sent to Buxted Surgery: 'Proposed housing developments in East Hoathly and Halland and health care capacity'

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Due to constraints on National Health provision, it has become increasingly difficult, nationally, to obtain a consultation with medical practitioners and doctors in local surgeries.

In view of the planning proposals already submitted to Wealden District Council which will double the size of East Hoathly and Halland in the near future, possibly five years, there is real concern in the community as to how adequate medical care could be provided.

As a village action group resisting over-development and concerned about infrastructure including health, education, utilities and transport, we want you to be alert to the rapid population expansion that will happen in a tight time frame in our villages.

You are probably in consultation now with Wealden District Council, to formulate an appropriate healthcare strategy. We would greatly appreciate an early indication of how our village surgery will cope. Could you please reply to this email and inform us of your current thinking and what options are being considered?

Kind regards

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This is the reply:

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Thank you for your email dated 3rd September. We have not been in receipt of any correspondence from Wealden District Council and it would certainly be helpful if we had some information on any proposed new developments.

However, I would like to reassure the village concern group that there is potential for future expansion of our services within our branch surgery based at East Hoathly. With the increase in future demand we would consider opening the surgery on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. We also have enough consulting rooms that we could increase the number of doctors / nurses working at the surgery at any one time. We feel very fortunate to have lovely facilities at both Buxted and East Hoathly which I am sure will stand us in good stead for the foreseeable future.

I hope this helps

Kind regards

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