

Thank you for your email, dated 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016, regarding planning in East Hoathly.

I do understand the strength of feeling about this issue. However, I am pleased that the Government has strengthened the use of the local plan, which has granted more responsibilities and decisions over planning to local communities.

Therefore, proposed development in East Hoathly is the responsibility of the Council's Local Plan, and individual planning applications will continue to be decided by the Planning Department at Wealden District Council. I must reiterate that planning decisions are beyond my remit as a Member of Parliament. As such, I would suggest that the Steering Committee may wish to contact Cllr Barby Dashwood-Morris, councillor for the Chiddingly and East Hoathly ward, about your concerns so that she can raise them at the next Council meeting. Should you wish to get in touch with her, her email address is [cllr.barby.dashwood-morris@wealden.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.barby.dashwood-morris@wealden.gov.uk) and her telephone number is: 01323 844374.

However, please rest assured that, as your MP, I am following proposed developments in East Hoathly and elsewhere in Wealden very closely.

Yours sincerely,  
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