

Save East Hoathly from Over Development

A planning application has gone in for 74 houses on farmland behind South Street. This is an increase of over 20% in the number of houses in our village.

View the Planning application at www.planning.wealden.gov.uk Ref WD/2018/1508/MAO.

Village Concerns would like you to object to this Application.

Ways to object

1) **On-Line:** Search applications at www.planning.wealden.gov.uk using the reference WD/2018/1508/MAO. Deadline Oct 19th 2018

2) **By E mail** to planning@wealden.gov.uk using the reference WD/2018/1508/MAO. Deadline Oct 19th 2018

3) **In writing:** Quote WD/2018/1508/MAO. Give your Name and Address
Send to: Mrs C Turner, Wealden District Council, Planning and Building Control, Council Offices, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham BN27 2AX

Please add your own personal views and use your own words if possible. For help contact: villageconcerns2016@gmail.com

Some suggestions for objections:

Key Objection:

I object to this Application because it fails to comply with the emerging Wealden Local Plan. It seeks to build 74 homes that are not needed in this barely sustainable village where there are no school places or jobs. It will force more vehicles onto the congested A22 and further damage to the Ashdown Forest.

Some additional things on which you might want to comment are:

- East Hoathly is a small village with an infrastructure that is gradually being eroded (reductions in Bus services, reduced GP Surgery access, loss of pub). It has had a recent disproportionately large development of 75 homes and cannot sustain another. The school is full and has no capacity to expand.
- There is no local need for these houses and they exceed the 48 that Wealden have indicated is the maximum safe amount that can be built in the period up to 2028 in our Parish, Laughton and Chiddingly. To build 74 would damage the Ashdown Forest and Lewes Downs with Nitrogen pollution.
- The plan proposes to build on top of the main sewer for the whole village with no credible plan or costings. The polluted surface water run-off from the huge site would be discharged into a stream that flows through the local Sewage Works and into Ancient Woodland. The damage to habitats and the risk of flooding the Sewage Works is unacceptable.
- The proposal is for a dense cul de sac that would not match the existing housing on South St with spaced housing and large gardens. It disregards the devastating impact the development would have on South Street residents and the green views that form the character of our village.
- The application claims to have engaged with the community but failed to record the hostility and negativity that this engagement produced.
- The parking allocated is inadequate and would result in much on street parking. This would make access for emergency and refuse vehicles very difficult and particularly when an increasing number of large delivery vehicles are visiting such cul de sacs. There is no provision for motor cycles or electric vehicles.
- The Transport Assessment thinks that 94% of vehicles exiting the development would turn left onto South Street and then right onto the A22. This is ridiculous as it is very difficult/unsafe to turn right from this junction and invalidates all of their findings. Even the few vehicles heading South on the A22 are likely to go through the village to the Shaw Roundabout and add to the A22 congestion. The number of vehicle movements calculated is too low. It does not take account of the lack of any local school places, limited bus service and lack of any local jobs. This hugely increases the level of vehicle dependency and pressure on the A22 and Ashdown Forest.

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