

The Principle Planning Officer
Chichester District Council
East Pallant House
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Dear Sir,

CDC Revised Local Plan Preferred Approach 2035

I am most alarmed by CDC's proposal that Loxwood be allocated 125 new houses in this planning document. This number seems to have been drawn from a hat and is totally unsustainable.

Is nobody in your department aware that Loxwood already has a severe and recurring problem with waste water? Southern Water has stated more than once that there is not sufficient capacity in the sewage system to meet current needs at times of stress; it also claims to have no funding available for an upgrade in the next five years and possibly longer. To add the proposed number of extra dwellings to the village would create a very serious health and environmental hazard which would impact on residents of those dwellings as well as on those of us who already live in Loxwood.

I can't help feeling that your planners are taking the easy way out by allowing themselves to be led by landowners and developers seeking a 'quick buck'; rather than adhering to a balanced and fair distribution of new housing in the three main villages within the North of Plan area - namely Loxwood, Wisborough Green and Kirdford - whilst also overlooking Plaistow and Ifold.

Why should Loxwood be saddled with over 80% of the new housing planned for the North of Plan area?

This proposal runs contrary to National policy and runs roughshod through your own draft Local Plan Review declaration that development should be plan led and not developer led. It is unsustainable and should be revisited.

Yours Faithfully

G.P.R.McGuinness-Smith