

REPRESENTATION TO THE PLANNING POLICY TEAM RE THE LOCAL PLAN
MARCH 2023

Our interests in reading the Local Plan 2023 are namely:

The INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED TO SUSTAIN SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT

YOU SAY: To work with infrastructure providers to ensure the timely delivery of key infrastructure to support delivery of new development. New development will be supported by sufficient provision of infrastructure to enable the sustainable delivery of the development strategy for the plan area.

Key infrastructure to support the Local Plan will include improvements to transport, open space and green infrastructure, education, health, water supply and removal, telecommunications, flood risk and coastal change management and the provision of minerals and energy

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CAN YOU ACHIEVE THIS?

ROADS - already suffering with surface damage and from too high density of traffic

YOU SAY: A sustainable and integrated transport system will be achieved through improvements to walking and cycling networks and links to accessible public transport. Highway improvements will be delivered to mitigate congestion, including measures to mitigate potential impacts on the A27 through a monitor and manage process.

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MANAGEMENT OF SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL

YOU SAY: Sewerage undertakers will need to work with regulators to deliver improvements in wastewater infrastructure to support new development and to ensure adverse environmental impacts are avoided on internationally designated habitats. Improvements to water efficiency, conservation and storage capacity will be made.

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THE IMPACT SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT WILL HAVE ON OUR UNIQUE AND PRECIOUS ENVIRONMENT. INCREASING LIGHT POLLUTION.

YOU SAY: 12. Protect and enhance the existing biodiversity and important ecological corridor linking Chichester Harbour and the South Downs National Park.

Any development will need to:

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a. Provide multifunctional green infrastructure both across the site and linking development to the surrounding countryside and Chichester city;

b. Provide mitigation for any loss of watercourse habitat resulting from culverting for highway provision in the development;

c. Provide buffer zones to sensitive habitats such as ancient woodland;

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We applaud the words written down on efforts regarded as essential for the conservation of the AONBs and SSSIs of the Harbour. We applaud the efforts to maintain the wonderful view of the Cathedral from various aspects of the City.

But we have little faith of these foreseen problems being effectively dealt with.

If the stretch of the A259 from Southbourne (which is classified as a Settlement Hub) to Fishbourne, where we already experience serious impact in congestion and noise, is going to be allocated several thousand new houses by 2030, I cannot imagine how the road will be able to start coping with that increased density of traffic. Another several thousand x 1.5 average vehicles per house will be using this already regularly gridlocked road.

We would implore that you actually managed to achieve what you are setting out with this wordy document but we have little faith, in fact, do not believe, that our environment and the precious habitats and lives of our wonderful local flora and fauna will be enhanced or even upheld in the process **and we therefore believe that this Local Plan is unsound.**

Yours faithfully

On behalf of FISHBOURNE MEADOWS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION:

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