

Planning Policy
Chichester District Council
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Objection to new draft CDC Local Plan

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to object to the new draft CDC Local Plan which has just been put out for consultation. My objections are concerning the proposed allocation of houses in Loxwood.

Myself and my husband moved here almost 4 years ago and thought we were moving to a semi-rural village which already had planning for 60 new houses. During the 4 years we have been here, the traffic has increased in volume, speed and noise. This has warranted speed monitors both ends of the village as Guildford Road is used as a rat run from the A29 and beyond. These will only increase as more houses are built.

My Reasons for objecting further housing applications, especially another 125 in this area are:-

1. Is there a demand for housing and employment in this area – local people cannot afford the type of housing being built, with only nominal affordable housing being built as a token gesture by builders. There is no employment in or around Loxwood and therefore those who do work will have to commute, adding to the amount of traffic on the roads.
2. The Infrastructure constraints will only add to the flooding damage and sewer problems. Sewers have already been an issue on the newly constructed Loxwood Green Site with holding tanks having to be used, this is with a small development being built. There would need to be plenty of money and commitment thrown at this to solve the issues for the knock on affect for the rest of the village. This could cause major problems and be extremely costly, not only for villagers but Chichester Council in the future.
3. The availability of potential housing sites – surely there are brown field sites that could be used to build affordable homes nearer towns and cities where employment is more easily accessible and infrastructure already in place.
4. There are currently no proposals to increase capacity at the local school which I believe is full.
5. No proposals to upgrade public transport – 2 buses per day at present

6. I cannot find any evidence of there been any studies on the environmental impact for wild life in the area.
7. As Loxwood seems to be having more than its fair share of new builds, are we to take it that other surrounding villages are to be given the same proposals in the near future?

Any new homes in the area should be made affordable for offspring of people already living in and around the village or smaller bungalows type properties for the aging community. The 4 and 5 bedroomed homes proposed will not benefit anyone **NEEDING** a home which does not meet the criteria from the government. Affordable housing is what is required not mansions.

Mrs Kathy Cook