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Dear Sir or madam -

I write to express my concern about the proposed in. filling of High Grove Farm with 300-350 houses & a new school. My reasons are as follows: -

1. Despite many public pronouncements I have seen no evidence nationally or locally of the force need for such an expansion in the South of England.

Such development as has occurred seems to attract people from outside the area, especially from London. The price of these houses does not offer opportunities to the local young. If such developments are to take place far more attention should be made to this group of our local residents. Purchase for resale investment should also be controlled.

2. The gross overdevelopment of every space along the coastal strip is already destroying the identity of the string of villages which gave this area its appeal. A megalopolis is nearly complete between Portsmouth & Brighton.

3. If you look at any night sky map of the South coast you will see that the Sussex dark sky gap is virtually missing along the coast. We

should protect it in honour of Commander Drake — where will this century's children see the stars near their homes?

4. I live very near the farm but like many of my neighbours I am downhill from it. We have already suffered from flooding of surface water — in my case into my front room — because of the run off from the farmland into Dorek's Lane & the inadequacy & lack of maintenance of the water courses.

You may suspect that the contractor should clean them out but who will maintain them in 5 or 10 years when you have forgotten about this development & few residents have drained their garden waste in the culvert & concrete jet more land with concrete exacerbating the run off even more.

We need MORE assistance here not less.

5. The grossly over-stretched sewerage system which will already suffer greater pressure from the new hospice will be under even greater demand. We already have had occasions of sewage backing up into our bathrooms & inspection covers being forced off in old

Bosham.

6. If locally we had any confidence that you would require an investment by the developer to ensure the maintenance of the water & sewage systems, our fears might be allayed, but we have no confidence that you will protect, even improve the existing residents' situation.

7. The building of a new school beside a railway line — a location chosen by the developers because they can't sell houses built there — is RIDICULOUS. I was a primary school teacher. The noise would be excessive; it is a busy line. The dust & particulates highly undesirable in the playground — & how much land will be allowed for sports fields — not much I suspect.

The distance from the village & danger of getting to the main village will make the identity of the school as Bosham School even less clear, especially as it will attract even more applications from outside the village, which will increase the use of cars even more & certainly decrease the number cycling or walking to school.

What a barren environment for a school - no sizable trees, no ~~etc~~ "character" created by years of use.

How much easier & simpler & cheaper it would be to buy a new home for the Football Club (a generous land owner might be willing to donate or sell for a greatly reduced price). This could create space for further development of the existing school if needed.

8. There are existing areas of the ACNB which need sympathetic development. Developers love open green space to reduce their costs. Why not require them to develop some of the brown field sites (fine houses for sale at high prices to compensate them) at the same time as Highgrove?

9. Above all I am desperately concerned that there be no intrusion into Brooks Lane by traffic from the new development as already proposed by the developers by knocking down St. Nicholas Hall. This part of Broadbridge is already grossly encumbered with on pavement

Parking, the roads are narrow & we need NO MORE through traffic.

10. Finally please protect the dark-sky environment as you are required to do by the National Dark legislation. Please enforce minimal light pollution by requiring low level lighting only where essential & a requirement to ban exterior lighting on the houses.

Please do not create a large estate of "dinky dinky" (Pete Seeger) houses all the same & grossly overlit. We are a village. People want to live here because it is a village - yet each man kills the thing he loves.

Yours sincerely

