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Chichester Local Plan

I have given up trying to use the online response system that you have developed. In 45 years in IT it is the worst example of I have ever seen. There is a lack of easy to follow instructions. Indeed a member of your planning department could not even find the document. You try it.

The allocation of 125 houses in Loxwood is not sustainable and Loxwood cannot be defined as a service village.

You need to look at the infrastructures of the village and understand their weaknesses.

- There is no credible transport system, the bus service is very poor and as a result residents will be relying totally on cars.
- There are no local employment opportunities so again residents will need to rely on cars to commute.
- You need to ask the surgery whether they can cope with increased capacity of residents from 125 extra houses.
- Southern Water have stated that the sewage system is at capacity now and is prone to flooding due to infiltration of ground water. The current development in Loxwood has already had to install overflow tanks for when the system cannot cope. There would seem to be no plans to upgrade the system in the near future.
- There is a butchers and hairdressers and no viable general store in the village.
- There is no demand for social housing in the area, examine the waiting list for affordable housing in Loxwood Parish.
- The primary school has a top capacity of just over 200 pupils and with 125 extra houses the likelihood is that they will need to shrink the catchment area which will put additional pressure on other local schools to find places.
- The fact that developers have been encouraged to submit plans for sites in Loxwood does not mean that they are viable and sustainable. This plan is therefore not sound.

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