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Dear Mr Robins,

Redrow Homes - Hesmond's Stud Detailed Planning Application WD/2022/0341/MAJ

Village Concerns Objection 8 - Request for New Consultation Period

1. We are writing to you as the Co-Chairs of Village Concerns, a local Action Group from East Hoathly with Halland Parish. We represent the views of over 200 supporters against the overdevelopment of our Parish.

2. We object to Planning Application WD/2022/0341/MAJ. We wish to restate our objection of 3 March 2022 that there are fundamental problems with this application:

a. The application is incomplete and does not contain sufficient detail for a full planning application.

b. The applicant's claim on their website (https://redrowconsults.co.uk/ east-hoathly/|) to have begun the process of purchasing the site in early 2020. Elsewhere on the website they contradict this by saying they began the process of acquiring the site in Spring 2021. They also state on the website that they have exchanged contracts. At the public consultation event in November 2021 they went further and told many residents that they had purchased the site. We believe that this claim to be the owner of the site would amount to a breach of the planning obligation contained in the legal agreement that Planning Application WD/2020/2660/PO seeks to discharge.

3. We raised these matters with you on 3 March 2022 and you have not responded despite our request that you do so.

4. Twenty Eight new documents have been added to the application (although two now seem to have been removed - Heritage Response and GTA Technical Note) amounting to almost 400 pages of text and plans. Non of the documents are minor amendments and non of the changes have been signposted. All of these documents and plans must therefore be compared to the originals in order to ascertain the changes before any comment on the changes can be considered. This will take a considerable amount of time and they have been published during the Summer Holiday period when many people are away. The documents add completely new reports on matters such as Net Biodiversity Gain and another new proposed new route for the Public Right of Way on the site. These amount to material changes in the application and should be subject to a new consultation period being instigated.

5. Please begin a new consultation period and notify all formal consultees that they need to examine the new documents. Could you also let us know what has happened to the Heritage Response and GTA Technical Note (we have copies if you have lost them). It would also be useful to know if any more documents are in your possession and are due to be added to the application.

Katherine Gutkind and Kathryn Richardson Co-Chairs Village Concerns

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Councillor Draper Parish Council