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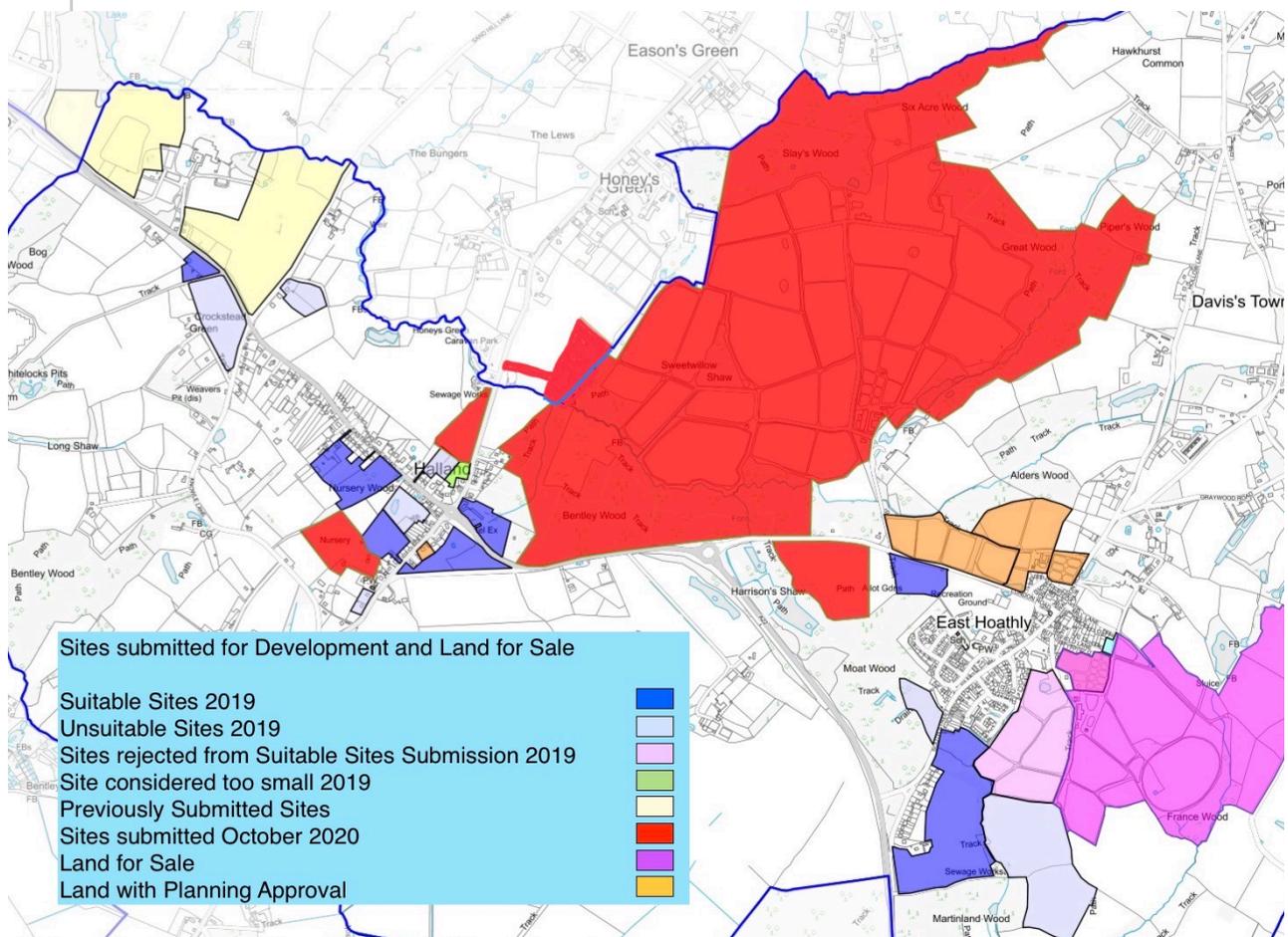
Dear Supporter,

Many of you will have heard that the Decision Notice has finally been published for Hesmonds. We could choose to do nothing and accept the 205 houses and the general principle of hugely disproportionate overdevelopment in this historic village. Or we can challenge the Decision Notice through a Judicial Review. We can only make this challenge on legal points not on the planning merits of the application. This will cost a considerable amount of money and not be a guaranteed success. We may lose the Judicial Review or, if we win, the developer may submit another application for fewer houses. However, the mood in planning both locally and nationally is changing and any time we gain may move us into a less destructive climate of development. **The key thing to remember is that this is the last opportunity to fight this Hesmond's application.** The Steering Group believe that it is worth pursuing the legal challenge and our Barristers have issued a Pre Action Protocol Letter, to Wealden District Council on Friday, July 2nd.

The legal process and our case is complex and lengthy and we will send it out in Update 117 for those who wish to delve into the detail. In essence our case is that the Planning Officer and Chair of the Planning Committee repeatedly suggested that the amount of houses would be

less than 205 in order to mitigate the threat of harm being caused to the Heritage Assets and Conservation Area. We believe they did this to persuade Councillors to vote for the Approval yet this did not form part of the Minutes of the Meeting nor is it included in the Decision Notice.

Planning permission has been refused for an additional 111 homes in the Parish but these decisions are being appealed. A reminder of the scale of the land that has been put forward for development:



Many of you have been very generous in supporting us in the past and we now have to ask you again to contribute towards this legal challenge. We have existing funds for the initial stage of the process but will require significantly more money

over the following 4 months.

We are asking for you to donate immediately or to give us a pledge of money that we will call on when required. We plan to hold 2 fundraising events, an Open Garden and Cream Tea on Sunday 15 August and a Musical and Cultural Event in the Autumn. There will be a Village Concerns stall as part of the Church Fete (raising funds for the Church) but providing information on Village Concerns and hopefully recruiting VC supporters and pop-up stalls may appear at random so please do not be offended if you get repeated invitations to support our fundraising efforts.

As well as your financial generosity we also need your help. We will be asking for cakes, raffle prizes and helpers. We will need each and every one of you to come to the fundraising events and bring your friends (the ones with the deepest pockets and most generous hearts).

The past 18 months have been tough on all of us. Covid has hit many people extremely hard in health and financial terms but most have endured and may even have a little extra cash as a result of cancelled holidays and curtailed socialising. The effects of overdevelopment will be horrific and diminish the value of existing homes. Please support our efforts to challenge this blight on the future of our historic village and our natural environment.

Please send donations to either:

BACS - Village Concerns - Nat West - Sort Code 60 22
05 - Acc No 63197553

Cheque - Payable to "Village Concerns". Send to: Gill
Kennedy, Lynton, 19 High Street, East Hoathly, BN8
6DR.

Pledge - email your pledge

to villageconcerns2016@gmail.com

We have also set up a Just Giving Page ([Village Concerns Just Giving Page](#))

This is a great way of inviting friends and relatives to help but we ask that you use the other options if possible as we have about a 2% deduction from these contributions.

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