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Dear Supporter,

Most of you will now have heard that the Hesmond's site for 205 homes has been purchased by Redrow. They have notified us that they are holding a virtual Zoom consultation on Tuesday 13 July from 6.30 to 8 pm and Wednesday 14 July from 12 to 1.30 pm. You need to visit their website ([Redrow Consults](#)) to register for a particular session or contact them to arrange an alternative (0207 139 5010 or [redrow@communicationspotential.co.uk](mailto:redrow@communicationspotential.co.uk)).

If we win the Judicial Review challenge to quash this planning decision or the planning application to discharge the Section 106 Planning Condition is refused, then this development will not go ahead. They may choose to resubmit it with a revised scheme but it would be unlikely to be a scheme for 205 homes on the same site. However, if we lose, **then** we will engage with the developer/house builder to ensure that this community gets the very best development for this community.

The Village Concerns Steering Group does not feel that a public consultation is appropriate at this time and that it should be delayed until the legal process has been finished. We have asked Redrow to delay citing the legal process as well as the short notice they have given and the lack of a public meeting in the Village Hall. They rejected our request without addressing the points we raised.

We urge you all to register your interest with them for a virtual Zoom session. If you do not Zoom or email, then contact them on 0207 139 5010 to request an alternative method. You should feel free to engage them on any issue regarding the development but we feel that the primary focus should be that it is premature and offensive to hold the consultation now. We suggest that you ask for hard copies of all their paperwork. Some issues you might want to raise are:

How can you consider it right to hold a consultation when the planning decision is subject to a legal challenge?

Why have you not waited one more week and then held public meeting in the Village Hall?

Why have you given such little notice of the virtual consultation?

What do people who have no internet do to be consulted?

Why did you reject the request to delay this consultation? Did Redrow approve this rejection?

How many homes do you expect to build?

Have Redrow doubled the size of a rural village with one development before and how well did it go?

Could you explain the poor reputation of Redrow following this headline:  
**'I won't be buying Redrow again!' Angry people put up protest signs in their own gardens**

[Redrow Homes Bad Press](#)

And this one too, from the Mirror, February, 2020

**“Redrow home bought for £475,000 plagued with problems so bad owner ‘can’t go upstairs’ ”**

How will you mitigate the harm that this proposed development will cause to the village and its Conservation Area ?

What is happening to Long Pond ?

Do you propose to protect the attractive verges, ancient hedgerows and trees that provide the entrance along London Road into East Hoathly?

What form of heating will the houses have ? Will the new homes have any reliance on fossil fuels?

Will each home have its own electric vehicle charging point?

Will visitor parking have electric vehicle charging points?

How do you envisage discharging sewage from the site? The existing sewage plant is working over its capacity. How do you intend to upgrade and fund the expansion of the sewage plant and the main pipe that passes through the majority of the village?

What guarantee can you provide that the existing villagers will not be adversely affected by the work needed to the sewage system?

Do you accept the need to upgrade the power supply to the village to cope with an electrically dependant development being added to an already overloaded village?

The site is frequently waterlogged and particularly in the area of the protected Ancient Woodland. How will you ensure that surface water is controlled, how will you ensure that it does not cause damage to the Ancient Woodland and how will the system be funded in perpetuity?

What will be the benefit of this development to this village? Will it rebuild our Pavilion or improve our Sports Ground?

Redrow homes have a poor reputation for being standard format boxes. Do they have the capacity to be creative and design something that will complement the existing village (such as the Lavender Fields development in Isfield)? Who are your Architects?

Please try and get involved. Ask questions and don't be afraid of being angry and insulted that they are consulting with you at this time and whilst the legal process is continuing.

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