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We regret to inform you that the Final Judgement for the Judicial review found against us. This means that the Outline Permission for 205 houses will not be quashed.

This is a huge disappointment for Village Concerns Steering Group, our legal team and the Village.

We believe that the Planning Committee Meeting was deeply flawed, unfair and made the wrong decision. Pursuing a Judicial Review was our only course of action. The Steering Group fought hard and succeeded through the many stages of the legal process to get the case to the High Court.

It was costly and stressful and the final decision was a finely balanced legal judgement. On a different day, with a different judge, it could have gone our way.

What happens now?

We could appeal the judgement but have been advised against this.

It is likely that Redrow will now press ahead with their full planning application and we will continue to resist this. Our aim now is to reduce the number of homes and improve the quality of the development. We are currently seeking to extend the consultation period because a significant number of new and important documents have just been added to the application.

Wealden may decide to discharge the 106 Planning Condition that currently prevents the Stud being broken up. We will continue to try and get this referred to a planning committee for full and open consideration.

We will continue to monitor all planning matters in the Parish and seek to get the best outcome for those with planning permission such as Buttsfield Lane and South Street.

Since we began our campaign in 2016 we have contributed to many successes. Five planning applications rejected in committee or at appeal. One application changed from large houses to more needed two-bedroom homes. South Street application reduced from 140 homes to 55. We have delayed the Hesmond's Stud development by 6 years, had the Ailies Lane element removed and we are not finished yet. Losing the Judicial Review is hugely disappointing, but it is an indictment of the planning system and not the merits of our case.

Our fight goes on and we urge you to maintain your support.

Village Concerns have and will be putting in a series of objections, (these objections can be viewed on our website <https://villageconcerns.co.uk/>) to the Redrow application. Many new and amended documents have recently gone on the application and the Steering Group are scrutinising these and have requested for the application to be heard again by Planning Committee South as the additional documents are of material significance.

The High Court Judgement is attached if you wish to see the details.

We are very grateful for the support we have received from the community to enable us to have continued all the way.

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The Hesmond's 205 new homes will be heard by the Planning Committee South, on Thursday, August 11th. The meeting starts at 10am. It is first on the Agenda, so perhaps by 10:30am.

Village Concerns will update you further, very soon.

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