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Dear Supporter,

Today's Planning Meeting began with a shock announcement by the Chair, Councillor Sue Stedman. She indicated that the Hesmond's Stud Application (and 2 other major applications) had unanswered enquiries with Southern Water regarding sewage treatment capacity. She indicated that she would be proposing that these applications be deferred until such time as a meeting has taken place with Southern Water.

The meeting then began and the Hesmond' Stud Application was introduced. Our 3 speakers made their speeches, a Redrow speaker spoke 3 minutes worth of distortion and falsehood and then our District Councillor spoke for 5 minutes. At this point the Chair stated that the Planning Officer, Mr Robins, would summarise the points that had been made and provide his response in writing and that this would be available online. She then proposed a deferral, it was duly seconded and approved unanimously.

So, we live to fight another day.

Given our name however, we have concerns about several matters:

The Chair seemed to suggest that we will not have the opportunity to make comments on the Southern Water information or anything else that happens between now and then. We will challenge this.

The Chair threw out a comment which we presume was aimed at Redrow, that they should organise a public meeting. This is assumed to be in respect of our requests

during the speeches that Wealden have a duty to hold workshops with the public to improve the specific house designs (In accordance with National Planning Policy Framework 2021, Paragraph 133). We would welcome any consultation but will be reminding Wealden that Paragraph 133 is clear that it is their responsibility, not Redrow's.

The Chair refused to allow a Councillor to speak when he was quite clearly waving for her attention. Everyone in the room could see it except the Chair. We have discovered it was because he wanted to inform everyone that the date for the meeting with Southern Water is 26 Sep 2022. Councillor Stedman is so terrified of dissent that she even stifles helpful information. This would suggest that it cannot come back to Committee until at least October.

Given our recent bad news, we must view today as a good day, it has delayed things again and allows us to at least give the sewage issues the attention they deserve.

Thank you so much for all those who made placards and made our presence felt outside the building and then attended the meeting.

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