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A reminder that online objections for this application close on **Monday, November 11th** 2019. You can still object by letter or email after this date but sooner rather than later. It is vital that we object to this application. Although it is for fewer houses than the other applications, if this application goes through it will set a precedent for the others. It will not be a case of allow 32 houses and that will be the end of it, in fact the reverse will happen. It could open the floodgates.

Once again we ask you to spend some time submitting an objection. The more objections the stronger our case. Remember everyone over 18 years of age in a household can object.

Below is the advice for objections.

Many thanks for your support.

South Street 32 Houses “ Circle of Oaks Site” WD/2018/2741/MAO

Village Concerns have now considered the application for 32 houses in South Street. It is vital that everyone continues to object to these applications which keep coming in. Your support has been and will be vital in our ongoing fight against over development in our village.

Remember to put in an individual objection for anyone over 18 years old in your household.

Ways to object

Online by Nov 11th 2019

Wealden Planning Applications Search. Type in reference WD/2018/2741/MAO

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/planning.aspx?>

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=144712>

By email to: planning@wealden.gov.uk

Quote WD/2018/2741/MAO. Give your name and address.

In writing

Quote WD/2018/2741/MAO.

Give your Name and Address

Send to:

Case Officer Mr M Taylor
Wealden District Council
Planning and Building Control
Council Offices
Vicarage Lane
Hailsham
BN27 2AX

By post or email objections can go in later than Nov 11th, but we would advise as soon as you can.

Below are some suggestions for objections. Choose the ones which are most relevant to you. Please add your own personal views and use your own words if possible.

Key Objection

Planning Policy

This application is in conflict with the adopted development plan and the Emerging Submission local plan for Wealden ,now at and advanced stage .It is outside the development boundary in the Emerging Local Plan and is not in accordance with development policy in the adopted plan2013 in which the village was designated as one where further development was considered unsustainable. It is as an encroachment on the countryside and will lead to a major loss in biodiversity and Landscape character Applying the Precautionary Principle it cannot be concluded that this development would not have an adverse effect on the Ashdown Forest SPA and SAC and Lewes Downs SAC.

My objections are supported by two appeal dismissals in the Parish.

2 Houses Buttsfield Lane East Hoathly BN8 6EE

21 Houses Hop Garden Nursery Halland BN8 6PS

My objections are also supported by Wealden's Statement in response to an appeal for74 houses in South St. The same reasoning applies to this application.

Other Reasons to Object

1) East Hoathly is a small village with an infrastructure that is gradually being eroded (reductions in Bus services, reduced GP Surgery access, loss of pub). It has had a recent disproportionately large developments of 75 homes and cannot sustain another. The school is full and has no capacity to expand.

2) There is no local need for these houses. The development would damage the Ashdown Forest and Lewes Downs with Nitrogen pollution. New residents would be completely car dependent for employment,education, shopping and leisure. The

bus service is totally inadequate for everyday needs.

3) The sewer pipe for the whole village crosses the site. Relocating this pipe would have serious implications for the village. There is no credible plan or costings for such a major disruption

4) The drainage ditch to the East of the site takes water from the surrounding fields towards the stream leading to the sewage works. This development would add to the already increased pressure put on this water course by Juziers and Mews developments. The cumulative effect of polluted urban run off would cause damage to wildlife habitats, Ancient Woodland and increase the risk of flooding at the Sewage Works .

5) The application claims to have engaged with the community but failed to record the hostility and negativity that this engagement produced.

6) The parking allocated is inadequate and would result in much on street parking. This would make access for emergency and refuse vehicles very difficult and particularly when an increasing number of large delivery vehicles are visiting.

7) Wild Life Corridor. Since the A22 bypass was built this greenfield site is the only corridor for a variety wildlife to access the open countryside to the East and South of the Village from Ancient Woodland in Moat Wood. This will affect bats, dormice, deer and a range reptiles. There would be a net loss in biodiversity. Ten previous applications on this site have been refused on grounds of loss of biodiversity.

8) Landscape and Character

a) The plan proposes the removal of stables which are in the conservation area and which add to the character of the village environment.

b) This site provides an important area of open

land which is an integral part of the character and landscape setting of the village.

c) The view of the circle of trees and the open countryside would be replaced by an urban scene of houses. A tiny glimpse could only be viewed through the houses.

d) Some oak trees which have a TPO would be retained but the proposal requires a major removal of several trees and hedgerows. Detrimental to wildlife and the landscape.

Ten previous applications on this site have been refused because it would destroy the green Gap which is so important to the character of the village and the entrance to the village.

9) There would be a huge increase in noise and disturbance for existing residents adjacent to the site.

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