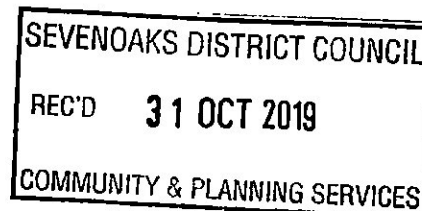


Response to the two developments  
Broke Hill (ref 19/02616/OUT)  
Fort Halstead (ref 19/05000/HYB).



I firmly believe that the concept of ever-greater areas of land being lost forever under "developments" is ultimately doomed.

1). Increasing population.

Since ancient times the population of the British Isles have been changing. Invasions have brought in people; disease and wars have reduced the population. So there were ups and downs with a gradual overall increase. Since about 1800 this has given way to a rapid rise that has been made possible by international trade – selling goods abroad to buy food from abroad. However, the risk is that we have now become very dependent on a system that is becoming ever harder to maintain. We are relying on food imports that are under threat

1). The requirement for increased transport.

Transport requires energy that uses fuel at an ever increasing rate. Consumption of fuel equals more heat and the end of fuel reserves coming sooner. We are largely dependent on imported fuel.

2). The amount of land that is available for growing food diminishes making us more dependent on others who may not be able, or willing to fulfil our needs.

On a more local level.

I have not been to Sevenoaks in years – parking and congestion have caused that. Similarly Beckenham and to a lesser extent Bromley are now rarely visited.

When I have been required to travel average journey times have significantly increased. That has increased the amount of time that my car's engine has been running, low gear running increases its fuel consumption, both contributing to increased pollution.

Density of housing does increase the risk of accident to children due to decreased visibility for both children and drivers.



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