

Comments for Planning Application 23/02758/FUL

Application Summary

Application Number: 23/02758/FUL

Address: Land North Of 1 To 16 Sturt Avenue Camelsdale Linchmere West Sussex GU27 3SJ

Proposal: Erection of 9 no. dwellingshouses together with associated access, infrastructure, parking and landscaping.

Case Officer: Martin Mew

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Kathryn Ball

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Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Yet another wildlife habitat area is to be dug up and replaced with houses. I do appreciate that an effort has been made to lower the environmental impact with the green roofs and species trees/wildflower planting, but this development will still decimate (once again) an area of natural woodland that is home to badgers, bats, owls, deer, woodpeckers, nuthatches, jays, herons, egrets and many other species of animals and birds that nest and feed here.

It is also a very boggy area. It is a natural flood area. The River Wey tributary that runs alongside this site has burst its banks numerous times during the last few years as we now have regular torrential downpours. This will be majorly exacerbated by the new estate being built on Sturt Farm, directly opposite and uphill from the proposed development on Sturt Avenue. The development currently in progress at Red Court will also contribute substantial runoff which will flow down Scotland Lane (which already gets flooded at the junction with Sturt Road), along Sturt Road, and then flow into the Wey tributary. This will cause the water level to rise even further as it will be channeled into the stream instead of being able to pool in the wooded area. There is a planning application for another 150 houses to be built on the Red Court site. As I am sure you understand, this will massively contribute even more to the water runoff down Scotland Lane. It will naturally find its way into the Wey as most of our drains in Camelsdale seem to overflow and release water onto the roads instead of draining the water away.

The massive impact of all this extra housing is having on the infrastructure of Haslemere is huge - month-long waiting list at the doctors (and that was for just a phone consultation!), dwindling school places and the degradation of road surfaces. But apparently, these issues are not taken into account by the Councillors. This is beyond disappointing as I thought it was actually their job to look out for and do the best they can for our towns. How naive of me.

How can we keep having new houses built but the infrastructure of the local towns is not addressed? I know this planning is under Chichester District Council but Haslemere (Waverley) is

the nearest town to the development and will definitely be impacted.

I feel Haslemere is a bit of a development target as falls just outside the South Downs National Park. We are in the corner of 3 councils, and all 3 have housing targets. If all 3 councils keep building here we will become overwhelmed.

We are in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, but how long will that be for?

For all these reasons, I object to the Planning Application for the 9 houses.