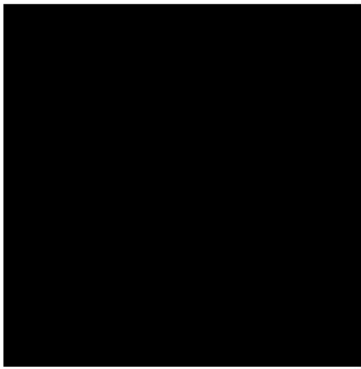


Mrs Susan Pert



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RE:

Rother District Council's new Draft Local Plan for 2020/40 in which Wakeham's Pond Field has been named as an allocated site for 35 houses.

Reasons in support for de-allocation of this housing from Rother DC's new local plan:

1. In August 2022 during the last planning appeal for the field the Appeal Inspector very clearly stated that the risk of groundwater flooding was too high and that extra houses would make sewage pollution matters worse.

2. Pollution problems caused by the village's inadequate foul and surface water drainage system (a sewage system originally for 1500 residents, at present 2300) discharging raw sewage into Stream Lane, the Marsham critical water course down to Pett Level and to the world heritage wildlife RAMSAR site beyond.

- 3.The narrow local lanes cannot cope with increased traffic volumes which will result in vehicle chaos.
- 4.The lack of local services and poor transport links.
- 5.Harm to the protected High Weald “Natural Landscape”.
- 6.Pedestrian safety and urbanisation of Pett Level Road.

To conclude, it is in the interests of Fairlight, Rother DC, Pett Level and the general environment to de-allocate housing on Wakeham's Pond Field in Rother DC's new Local Plan 2020/40.

Yours faithfully,

Susan Pert

