



12th July 2024

Rother District Council
Strategy and Planning
Town Hall
BEXHILL-ON-SEA
TN39 3JX

Dear Sirs

BEX0158 LAND WEST OF PAGES LANE, BEXHILL ON SEA

Please find attached comments relating to the above.

Yours faithfully



Robin & Glenda Hughes

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1.22 Submitted site

We note that comments can be made reference to the above, relating to the decommissioning of the land currently housing electronic communication masts.

We note that this is Ancient Woodland, Priority Habitat and a Local Wildlife Site.

It is also noted that it is considered suitable for residential redevelopment.

Our comments are as follows:-

1. Priority Habitat and Local Wildlife would suffer considerably. We know that foxes, badgers and hedgehogs live on this site. Also, there are a substantial number of different birds, particularly the European Woodpecker living in the trees. These have obviously made their homes there over the years and should be allowed to continue living there.
2. The local infrastructure does not allow for additional housing. We and many of our neighbours constantly have a problem with gas pressure. As a note – 8 months after reporting this, we are still waiting for it to be sorted, despite being told we were ‘vulnerable’.
3. The risk of surface water should be of great concern. The previous owners of our property had to have a sump pump installed in order to reduce the amount of flooding that takes place in the garden. This pump has to be running 24/7 and does not wholly reduce the flooding, even a shower of rain can lay on the lawn and we have a flat garden!

We have also been advised by our neighbours that during the summer months there is usually a hosepipe ban, which means there is insufficient water in the area. More houses would put an even bigger strain on the resources.

Please note that we only moved into the area in October 2023. This information was not available on our Searches so we feel a little hard done by. We moved from Tunbridge Wells to Bexhill, and in particular The Barnhams to enjoy a quiet and peaceful retirement. We feel that building 25 houses on a relatively small area of land would significantly impact our daily life in this area – more noise, more traffic, etc. etc.

We therefore ask that the land remains empty and allow the wildlife, trees and ourselves to live in peace.