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Re planning application BH2016/05530. Land South of Ovingdean Road Brighton.

As a ward Councillor for Rottingdean Coast I wish to object to the above planning application for the following reasons:

In my view this planning application is a serious over development, with the proposed density, which in my view is unsuitable for this field in a semi-rural area. The design of housing in the application is totally out of keeping with the character of the surrounding area. As the application is for "Outline Planning Consent with appearance reserved" the developers are not bound to stick to the visual images for the housing that they have submitted with this application.

The local infrastructure is already stretched, with doctor's surgery list at full capacity. Along with local primary schools..

There is a real lack of local infrastructure. Contrary to the statement in the application which states there are local shops and good transport!

.In reality there is only one local small village store in the centre of Ovingdean Village, over a mile away from the proposed development, which recently lost the post office facilities that were in store. You would need to be very fit to walk up a long steep hill to access the store. And be mindful of the volume of traffic already using Ovingdean Road.

The statistics from the City Councils own traffic survey in June 2016 showed 2,000 vehicles use Ovingdean Road at peak times on week days! This is before any extra vehicles, from the proposed development are taken into account.

The no 52 bus is the only public transport that runs through Ovingdean village, with a very limited service. The no 52 only runs every hour and 15 minutes, during the day time.

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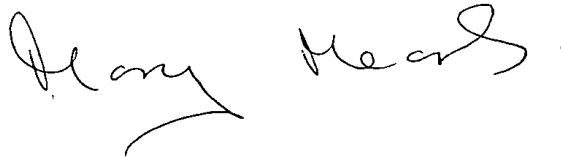
The no 2 bus is every 20 minutes in the day time half hourly in the evenings. Runs down the Falmer Road and does not go through Ovingdean.

From the previous application from the developer we know that along with many others, local and wildlife groups with their extensive local knowledge objected as this site represents a crucial wildlife corridor,

The site is a Nature improvement Area and is a stepping stone the South Downs National Park.

Such sites are disappearing at an alarming rate and affect us all.

As a ward Councillor I wish to reserve my right to speak on this application at the planning committee



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