

Further Details for Planning Appeal Presentation Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

1. Just because Hastings needs more houses, does not give them permission to plan for such a large block on land outside the main urban area, on land it does not own, and in doing so remove playing fields for the area. There must be other brown field sites in the Town area more suitable.
2. The need for Education and facilities is continuing to increase, and latest figures show a SHORTAGE of Primary School places in coming years. Indeed I understand a Report is coming out soon for ESCC to this effect, and this still did not allow for the younger population of Hollington and immigration families to exacerbate the problem. There will need to be at least a new primary school in area to cope. Would it not have been better to save the main buildings at The Grove for educational purposes, for both young and Adult Education, instead of proposing to sell off the land to obtain money to fill a 'black hole' in ESCC finances. ESCC may well if this goes ahead have to buy more land and build facilities to replace what it has sold and destroyed. Could finish up paying out more than it receives.
3. The Playing Fields should not be lost if we are really trying to improve the health of the People, and encourage sporting activities, and continue the 2012 Olympic Legacy. Where would they be replaced?
4. ACCESS to Harley Shute Road is a Massive Problem. Already tail backs to roundabouts are common, and to more than double the homes using Darwell Close as the only access, would be unacceptable. With a Pedestrian Crossing within 10 yards of junction, and a Bus Stop 50 yards along HSR, and the natural bend in the road, it is already a problem to turn right coming from Roundabout. In wintry conditions very difficult to get out of Darwell Close. Emergency access would be a problem  
At least suggest road access into Crowhurst Road (Which used to be a Road)  
More traffic, more accidents. Children used to walk to School at The Grove, but now go by car to St. Leonards Academy.  
Wishing Tree Lane a Private Road and cannot be used for access.
5. If project were to proceed, it would have to be dramatically changed to allow for a new School, and other Services –i.e. Doctors, Play School, Shops, community hall, and playing field etc. Doctors already under pressure in area. Any new buildings not to overlook existing residents.  
Drainage to be considered to avoid more flooding for HSR residents, and re-alignment of boundary fence would be necessary.

I submit that to include this site in the Town Plan, is not sensible, practicable, logical, legal, or financially sound, and should be removed.

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