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20th May, 2016.

Dear Mr. Clark

CPC/BLACKWELL - 26th April, 2016.
PUBLIC LAND BLACKWELL FARM ROAD/HOLTYE ROAD.
East Grinstead.

I wish to oppose the development of the above land and the sale to Affinity Sutton Housing Association of which I trust the Council have made all the necessary enquiries as to their suitability.

However the more important issue is the sale of this land and therefore request that that the Council reconsiders the matter for the long term, and would suggest that this land could be an extension to the Cemetary if only for cremated remains !!

Of course I am sure that all the necessary soil procedures have taken place, especially when one remembers that on this area and in front of the Farmstead was a pond.

Just to confirm I am very much AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL.

Yours sincerely,

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Ref: CPC/BLACKWELL

Mr Tom J Clark



The development proposed at Blackwell farm road ref: CPC/BLACKWELL

I strongly disagree with the land being sold for housing development, first of all I would like to complain about how very little notice was given that this was being put forward again, it was by someone else showing me a tiny ad printed in the local news paper that brought my attention to the land being up for grabs again.

This will cause more congestion down the road that I live on and create more parking issues (find images inclosed) I also disagree with this development because a large green open space which people use for walking their dogs or kids playing will be replaced with more concrete. I understand the need for housing developments however is it worth filling every bit of greenery you can with as many houses as you can. There are plenty of empty offices that could be converted into living space.

I'm not sure if you are aware that the green is also prone to flooding, (find images inclosed) building more houses will only cause more problems than solve regarding this issue, sewerage becomes overflowed in heavy rainfall.

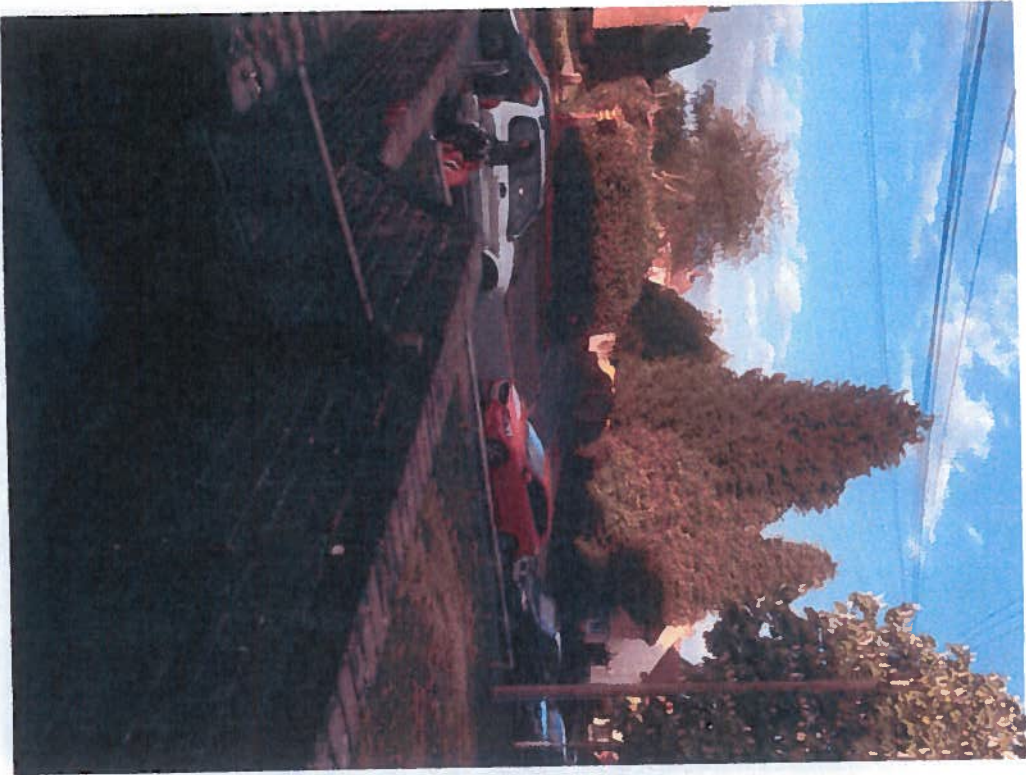
That land isn't just used by people, wildlife also are attracted to that area, from birds, foxes and even the animals you can't see like larvae and beetles (find images inclosed) we live in a society where the concrete jungle just keeps on growing and in the future all we will have are memories of green.

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Parking issues for existing residents.







FLOODING ON THE GREEN



AND FLOODING IN MY GARDEN (NEXT TO THE GREEN)
WHICH INCLUDED RAW SEWAGE.



SUSPECTED, ENDANGERED STAG BEETLE LARVAE
FOUND AT THE BOTTOM OF THE GREEN NEAR
THE TREE LINE.

From there it goes under the Noddy footpath, and at times floods the footpath making it impassable for children going to Blackwell School, and residents walking in to the town.

Water from the new estate at the back of the School (Hilda Dukes Way) joins at this point, a slow dispersal system, and it finally disappears down a very large drain at the back of Crawford Way.

All the surface water from the houses and flats on the Western side of Blackwell Farm Road and Badgers Way Estate are collected on the way down to the green, where it is joined by more drainage from the Cemetery and the overflow from King Georges Pond to go under the site in question and in to what was the Pond.

I am sorry if that description is little long winded, but a lot of water ends up under the green.

There are still people around in East Grinstead who remember the site during the 30's and 40's when it was a swamp. One friend lived at the back of the Farm, and he talks of Skating on the pond in the Winter and that it was slowly filled in with rubbish, mainly from the building of the Blackwell Estate in the 50's, he thinks.

Since that time the Blackwell Estate, it is now in the region of 500 houses, has been built and the site is crossed with all the services. Surface Water pipes, Foul Water pipes, Electricity Ducts, Gas Mains, etc.

It is not unknown for these drains to block and flood the rear gardens of Blackwell Road, Badgers Close Dip, and the Cemetery Workshops. Only a month or so ago the Main Sewer became blocked and required the authorities to lift the large Sewer Manhole, and use pressure equipment to get it clear. This manhole is situated in the North Western corner of the site, some 6 foot or so below the level of the site, and could get covered or damaged during the building operations.

I have unsuccessfully tried to view plans showing the course of all these services, and ascertain the depth below the surface, but they do not seem to be available to the general public.

Recently 3 Horse Chestnut Trees Have been cut down alongside Blackwell Farm Road and on examining the stumps that are left, there is no sign of rot or disease that would warrant this destruction. Why has this been done? And is this in preparation for the building that you have authorised?

I understood that this piece of land was registered as a preserved open site and could not be developed in the way that you are planning. It is planned to be replaced by an estate of small houses adjacent to the road? WHY.

In the Spring it is a wonderful sight with the Trees in full bloom and the carpet of Daffodils welcoming visitors to the Town. I have been unable to speak, at the present time, to the Town Mayor who in his year (1980's), in office, got this passed, and find out more about this order. I will be in touch.

If MSDC have been able to authorise the destruction of an open space in our Town, what is the future of King Georges Field and East Court, and all the other open spaces on the town estates.

I appeal to the Mid Sussex District Council to withdraw the project planned for this site and let it stay as an amenity for the residents to enjoy as it was originally intended.

Yours faithfully



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24th May 2016

Mr Tom Clark
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Dear Mr Clark,
Ref: CPC/BLACKWELL 27t April 2016

I write to offer my objections to the above proposed sale of the parcel of land on the corner of Blackwell Farm Road.

I was very involved at the Planning Meetings both with the Town Council and Mid Sussex District Council and was amazed at the dismissive attitude of some of the Councillors representing the District Council at the meeting held on 18th June 2015 which was held by Committee A on which there are no East Grinstead Town Councillors.

I notice the wording is now "...the provision of at least 12 affordable housing units..." I recall at the DC Planning Meeting permission was granted for 10 affordable housing units.

Blackwell Farm Road is a cul-de-sac and as such according to the Highway Act DB32 is allowed to serve 350 dwellings. Already there are 426 dwelling served by Blackwell Farm Road and I cannot understand how the Highways Authority have given this application the "all clear".

Over 120 residents wrote to MSDC with their objections but to no avail. When you live in a particular area only then can you fully understand the hazards involved and only the residents have this first hand knowledge so surely they are the people who should be listened to.

As has been mentioned previously, the type of housing proposed is totally irrelevant. The objection is that Blackwell Farm Road is swamped with cars already, a number of which have to park with 2 wheels on the pavement in order for any other vehicles being able to access the top part of the road.

At the start of Blackwell Farm Road there are 5 blocks of 2-story flats. These residents have nowhere to park other than in the road, as is the case with some of the properties opposite. This results in residents' cars being parked both sides of the road, partly on the pavement or grass verge. This in itself is a major safety issue should fire engines or similar vehicles need access at specific times of the day.

A few years ago some of these residents took the initiative and parked their cars on this piece of land but this was deemed unacceptable and posts were erected to prevent them from doing so. Now permission has been given for houses to be built and cars parked on the "Registered Open Space". There is no logic to this.

I look forward to receiving your comments on the above.

Yours sincerely,

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Copy: East Grinstead Town Council

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24th May 2016

Dear Sir

PLANNING REF CPC/BLACKWELL

Not for the first time we feel we must write to object to the abovementioned planning proposal. Surely you must realise how dangerous it would be to even consider building on this piece of attractive green open space at the junction of Holtye Road and Blackwell Farm Road.

It is our understanding that there would more than likely be two access points onto Blackwell Farm Road so near to the junction with Holtye Road. There are already many side roads leading off from Blackwell Farm Road which is the only road that takes you away from that area. Any increase would cause yet more inconvenience and traffic congestion. Bearing in mind that both sides of the road have cars parked on them most of the day due to no driveways or garages suitable to park cars off the road. It would not seem practical to add yet more chaos to this already busy road. You must be aware of Blackwell School at the top of the road which at start and finishing times of the school day would lead to an even more dangerous situation that already exists. Also the speed of some of the traffic approaching down Holtye Road to what is only a mini-roundabout (badly in need of repainting) must be borne in mind.

Also the green space you have in mind was once part of Blackwell Farm and it is thought that there was a pond underneath where the planned build is due to take place.

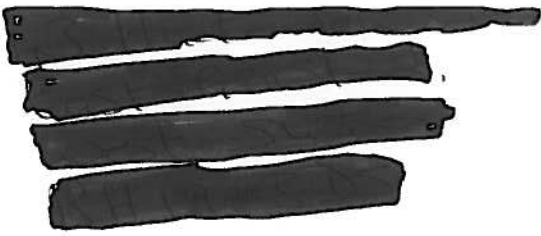
With these objections in mind we hope that Mid-Sussex Council will see their way clear to reject this application bearing in mind that the East Grinstead Town Planning Committee and the East Grinstead Society are recommending refusal of this development.

We urge you to please take into account the reasons for our objection.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Mr. Clark,

I am writing to you regarding the sale of land at the junction of Holtyc Road and Blackwell Farm Road.

A considerable number of people wrote to MSDC last year in protest at the development of this small but precious green space. I don't think anybody was aware at the time that this land had not been sold and the notice in the Courier from Mike Greenaway was the first notification of this fact. The notice published on page 44 dated April 27th went unnoticed by myself - as I would assume by many other objectors.

Have you seen how many cars are already parked on the road during the day along side of this piece of land? If one car parking space has been allocated to each of the intended houses and the occupiers have more than one car - where on earth are these going to park.

Blackwell School is expanding and more and more traffic is using the road - I cannot understand why Highways ~~not~~ has not objected to this development. Nearby is the very busy roundabout at the bott.

of Blactwell Hollow, plus a smaller
foundabout at the entrance to Blactwell
Farm Road, plus a disabled parking bay -
the whole thing is pure madness.

I enclose a copy of the letter I
wrote last year objecting to this
development and my reasons why.

I have lived in Hactenden Close
for over 45 years and have watched
the congestion get worse and worse.

I cannot understand why the views
of our local Councillors have not been
taken into consideration after all they
represent the local community and know
more about the issues in East Grinstead
than MSDC.

As you will realise, I am passionate
about this matter, as are hundreds
of people in my own estate and other
estates in this vicinity - I fear that
most people will not realise that this
is not already a done-deal and will
consequently not be objecting further.

Yours Faithfully,



I am writing to express the frustration I am feeling at the approval by the MSDC Planning Committee to build houses on the small parcel of land at the entrance to Blackwell Farm. I have attended local Council meetings where these planning applications have been discussed, and the various plans that have been put forward were turned down by our local Councillors on 3 separate occasions.

I understand that over 120 local residents wrote to MSDC expressing their concerns at yet more traffic in this already congested space. Cars are already double-parked down the length of Blackwell Farm Road because most of the houses and flats in this area do not have a garage. ^{or driveway} I understand that one parking space per new home will be allocated. ^{if} the occupiers have more than one car, where will these extra cars park. I am surprised that Highways did not see this as an issue.

I spoke to a gentleman in the Planning Office to ask if the person who recommended the application for permission was local and was told that this was irrelevant!!

Surely decisions for more houses in an already congested area should be decided by our local town councillors who are aware of the problems being experienced by the local people in this area.

Why have a local council if their views are going to be totally disregarded?
Is this what is called democracy?

M.S.D.C.
23 MAY 2016
Legal Services

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REF CPC/BLACKWELL

20/5/16

Dear Sir.

We are writing to object to the council ~~is~~ selling the land off Holtze Road and Blackwell Farm Rd for at least 12 affordable housing units,

These roads are very busy roads with traffic all times of the day, and parking a long Blackwell Farm Road, and side roads is also congested with hospital parking

Yours sincerely

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M.S.D.C.
20 MAY 2016
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May 10th

TEL: [REDACTED]

Dear Sir

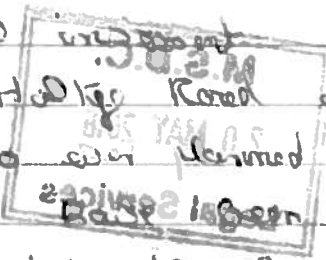
I am writing to you about
the road being used off at the
corner of Backwell Farm Road - Holby Road

I know that people need homes
but I feel that this has been
going on for a long time and
not the right place to make more
traffic on our road. I think
some one should come and see

what happens at school times,
it is a lot of cars coming in
and out of Backwell Farm Road

Now that the new houses have
been built at West Road with
traffic lights so they can get

get your car onto the main
road it is now
traffic on the Holly Road and
getting worse. Who ever planned
these houses must have been mad!



I suggest you build the houses
and must give Haywards Heath
plenty of space.

We also have the New
Bluebell House at the top of
Holly Road another cleaner spot
and about another three roads
coming out nearby. Please reconsider
my remarks and come down
and watch what goes on in
just one day. Thank you

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2 May 2016

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M.S.D.C.
04 MAY 2016
Legal Services

Ref: CPC/BLACKWELL 27th April, 2016

Dear Mr Clark

I wish to object to the sale of land at the corner of Holtye Road and Blackwell Farm Road, East Grinstead, for the following reasons:

Planning application DM/15/1492 was for "up to 10 dwellings for social rent" but your notice in the East Grinstead Courier increases that figure to "at least 12 affordable housing units".

"Mid Sussex District Council has a clear conflict of interest since it is both the owner of the site and the local planning authority" quote East Grinstead Town Council.

The intended sale to Affinity Sutton appears to be insider dealing because they administer housing on behalf of Mid Sussex District Council.

The traffic survey is absolutely false showing as it does roads almost completely empty of driven and parked vehicles. More building would worsen an already overloaded area.

This planning application has been badly handled with the first lot of valid objections being discarded and the first meeting being cancelled at the last minute without notification to objectors, some of whom had travelled to Haywards Heath for it.

I understand the eventual planning meeting was undemocratic with a dominant committee showing scant regard for local concerns and our Town Council which is "vehemently" against this application.

Three mature chestnut trees on the site with an expected life of more than 20 years (MSDC survey) have recently been felled clearly in preparation for building. This should not have been done at taxpayers' expense before the land was sold and the deal finalized.

Yours sincerely

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