

Birchwood House,
Ashfields Lane
East Hanney
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Dear Sirs,

Re. Planning Proposal for 200 houses in East Hanney

I am writing to object to the proposed building of 'around 200' houses on the South side of our village, East Hanney.

I object to the flimsy, hand-waving reasons as to why previously unsuitable, waterlogged, flood-prone land can suddenly become passed for building. Many similar sites in the village have been denied private planning permission because they were deemed to be on flood prone land. One rule for the council/government, one for the rest of us. Had you seen our village when it has become flooded over the years, you might be a little more concerned about culpability for the inevitable damage to surrounding properties should it get worse because of this huge development.

I object to the fact that such a major change to the nature of our village could slip in with so little time to make any studied response? If you think our Parish Council represented the views of the village, you are seriously mistaken. We were completely unaware of the shift of attention from the East to the South site, and it was only by accident that it was discovered.

I dispute that we would even now qualify as a 'large village' with facilities to almost double in size. The children of newcomers are being bused to nearby schools because the village school cannot cope, the mobile library service is about to be withdrawn, one of our pubs is going to close unless the community can buy it, and the village shop is non profit-making and could fold without community support.

I am seriously disappointed with both our local Councillors and our MP for failing to protect the village communities in their constituencies from our Governments desire to refloat the economy on the back of these massive and totally inappropriate building projects. Who will buy these houses, and where will they work ?

Yours faithfully

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