

## Weekly RPC Clerk's Update: 1-8 October 2018

### E-MAILS:

1.10.2018 – E-mail from parishioner

*"Subject: Application WA/2018/1458 OBJECTION Ref. also DC/18/1520*

*Dear Sirs*

*Application for housing estate on farmland south east of Cox Green, Surrey. PA Ref. WA/2018/1458*

*57 dwellings, with Extra Site specified for a further 43 dwellings*

### **OBJECTIONS**

*In spite of the misleading 'Rudgwick' address given, this site is not within the Built Up Area Boundary in Rudgwick Parish - and is not even in Rudgwick. It is on farmland in the Parish of Ewhurst & Ellens Green in Surrey, at least three miles from Ewhurst's key village facilities, comprising First School, general store and village hall.*

*As recently as May 2018 Waverley declared this location to be "unsuitable for development". This application would appear to be an opportunistic attempt to pre-empt the official Neighbourhood Plan for Ewhurst & Ellens Green Parish, which is equally unlikely to recommend this location.*

*The applicant's strategy appears to be to strain every sinew to convince the planners that the site can be easily integrated into the village of Rudgwick, West Sussex.*

*To this end, an international company of Planning Consultants has been paid to produce a number of glossy but slipshod "Reports" in support of the application. None of these documents appear to be on the Waverley website but they were published in the summer, attached to a separate planning application to Horsham District Council [Ref. DC/18/1520] for the site's Access Road (situated in West Sussex). It seems that convincing HDC, Rudgwick's own local authority, of the merits of the application was obviously considered the first priority - and where the expensive PR effort should be concentrated.*

*Although crossing county boundaries, these two applications must therefore be viewed together. Please note the following comments on documents attached to the HDC application for an Access Road.*

*The West Sussex C.C. **HIGHWAYS** Report is by its nature narrowly technical - but it includes a number of suppositions which have been disputed by many on the spot who have day-to-day local knowledge of accidents, near misses etc. Nor is its brief concerned with the geographical inconvenience of the location for young families. Even so it makes clear that pedestrian access to Rudgwick village is not viable and even improvements to Public Rights of Way [by no means guaranteed] would provide no more than 'adequate' access [for walkers]. Whether parents having to shepherd young children around 1.6 miles to school and back every day in all weathers would agree is a moot point. [A primary school which is in any case already full].*

*In the **TRANSPORT STATEMENT {PART 2} {With Map}** the Planning Consultants untruthfully attempt to show village amenities to be "in easy walking distance". Truly, the ancient parish church and a small inn are in walking distance [but in any case have ample car parking]. As is a bus stop. But all essential everyday amenities and facilities are at the opposite end of Rudgwick from this far flung site beyond the hamlet of Cox Green, not least the primary school, medical centre and general store, with little or no parking available. Even further away, situated in Rudgwick's Bucks*

Green area on the A281, lie the focal points of village community life -- the main Rudgwick Village Hall, Children's Playground, Sports Field, Sports Centre, Youth Club premises and the popular Fox Inn. As well as local businesses. None of these is in walking distance. **All have been omitted from the map.** The reason for these omissions is obvious.

The **AGRICULTURAL STATEMENT** has been prepared by the same Consultants (their motto "Creative Thinking – Safe Hands"). **It fails to identify the site correctly, placing it outside the wrong village.**

By identifying it as being just outside Rowhook {Ref. **Appendix/Maps**}, rather than Rudgwick, it is able to claim [**Para 2.2.**] that the site is surrounded by areas of "poor" Grade 4 farmland. In fact, as the map shows, the real site consists of – and is surrounded by – "good to moderate" Grade 3 farmland. **Para 3.2.** features an aerial photograph hoping to give the impression of a brownfield site, having been taken in the immediate aftermath of an annual Rudgwick Steam and Country Show. Commissioned back in 2013, this aerial photograph does not prove the land is unsuitable for farming but merely suggests that the owner has long had other aspirations for it. **Para 3.6.** Refers again to "low agricultural quality" – and mentions lack of suitable development sites within the village of Rudgwick itself. And finally - **Para 4.1.** – the Agricultural Statement makes vague reference to "the need for housing" and the site's proximity to the settlement of Rudgwick and – again – "the lack of alternative sites within the village".

**This last assertion is incorrect.** It is disgraceful that the landowner, being Rudgwick's own representative on Horsham District Council, has allowed it to be put forward on his behalf. He will have inside knowledge of the fact that far more convenient and congenial sites within the village have been noted for future development by HDC in order to meet their Neighbourhood Planning target and housing needs. On a different parcel of his own land, 55 new homes are currently under construction and have yet to be absorbed. As a medium sized rural village, with badly overstretched resources and very poor transport links, Rudgwick has always contributed handsomely and disproportionately to "housing needs" and continues to do so.

**However if sensible planning is to mean anything at all, opportunistic and indiscriminate applications like this one should surely be rejected. It shows a cynical disregard not only for the countryside and the existing community but also for the young families who, after buying their new homes "in Rudgwick", would discover that essential local services cannot cope and are closed to them. And that for anything else, most of the settlement's amenities are not in fact within "walking distance" - easy or otherwise. "**

1.10.2018 - WSCC

### **Still time to book a place**

*"You are invited to attend a community resilience conference on Thursday 4 October from 9.15am to 4pm at Horsham Capitol Theatre.*

*The conference, hosted by West Sussex County Council on behalf of the Sussex Resilience Forum (SRF), is for anyone engaged with community resilience as a whole including Executive Officers, Emergency Planning Officers and members of the voluntary sector.*

*It will particularly look at the topics from the SRF's What If - You can make a difference programme - youth, community resilience, small and medium enterprises and health and wellbeing.*

The conference includes Q&A sessions with the presenters and to share in networking opportunities with practitioners and other delegates.

There will be a range of speakers from as far afield as Devon and Cornwall and presentations from representatives and speakers from national organisations.

To book your place, visit [What If - You Can Make a Difference - Conference](#)

If you do not have a Learning & Development Account for WSCC, please email [emergency@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:emergency@westsussex.gov.uk) to confirm your interest and to be registered onto the Conference event.

If you have any queries regarding the event, please contact Chris Scott on [Christopher.Scott@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Christopher.Scott@westsussex.gov.uk) or Martin Funnell on [Martin.funnell@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Martin.funnell@westsussex.gov.uk), co-chairs of the SRF Sussex Community Resilience Partnership.

We look forward to seeing you there.”

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### **1.10.2018 WSCC Rangers**

Good Morning

"Apologies for the late notice but I would like to update you on some works that are happening on the Downs Link. The ladder drain repair works began today and contractors will be on site until this coming Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October. The Downs link will stay open as the repair works are on the side not on the main path.

Contractors will be carrying out Ladder Drain repair work near to Rudgwick (100m approx. South of Baynards Tunnel). Beginning 1st October 2018 for 1 week approx. The route will remain open however there will be large vehicles on the path and if possible you are advised to avoid this area during this time in order for them to carry out their work.

This information has been published on WSCC social media and sites.

*Any questions please do not hesitate to call*

*Kind regards*

*Sara Piggott*

Countryside Ranger (North) for Downs Link, Worth Way and Forest Way  
Highways and Transport  
West Sussex County Council



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**2.10.2018 email from agent regarding Waverly Borough Council  
Windacres Farm residential development application (WA/2018/1458 - downloaded from WBC  
website earlier today)**



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**3.10.2018 – email from West Sussex**

**"WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL  
(BILLINGSHURST: ADVERSANE LANE)  
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE (WESTBOUND)) ORDER 2018**

*The County Council will make the above temporary traffic Order to allow safe  
construction of a footway.*

*I am pleased to attach a copy of the Public Notice advertised in the West Sussex County  
Times*

*Please contact me if you are unable to open this document*

*If you have any comments to make regarding this temporary Traffic Order please  
respond with history to this e-mail*

*Kind Regards*

*Becky Caney*



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**Rebecca Caney**  
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**Email 3.10.2018 from RIALTAS – accounting package provider informing council of increased costs.**



Rialtas Fees  
2019-20-FINAL.pdf

**Email 3.10.2018 email from Horsham Museum**

*“We need your help! Given you know your parish very well we wondered whether you knew of any football clubs or people that may be able to assist.*”



***Horsham Museum & Art Gallery is developing a football themed exhibition “The Beautiful Game: A History of Football in Horsham District” in January to mark the start of 2019’s Year of Culture.***

*We would love to hear from any clubs, players, coaches, referees and fans from across Horsham District who have objects, stories, videos or memorabilia that they would be willing to lend us until the end of March 2019. Please get in touch and help us to make this a truly community led display that showcases Horsham District’s passion for the Beautiful Game. Please email [Rhiannon.Jones@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:Rhiannon.Jones@horsham.gov.uk) or call 01403 254 959 if you can help.*

*Many thanks*

Rachel

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### 3.10.18 E-mail from HDC

“Good afternoon,

Further to the invitation for Horsham District Council’s Exploitation Prevention Conference, I am pleased to attach the conference agenda for your reference.

The exploitation prevention conference is being held at Horsham District Council’s offices on Chart Way in Horsham next Monday, 8 October. **There are still a few spaces left, if you would like to reserve a place at this conference and haven’t already done so, please do so by return email to [debra.young@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:debra.young@horsham.gov.uk).**

Nb. There is no charge for this conference.

If you are unable to attend on Monday, another meeting which may be of interest is the upcoming Hate Crime Awareness Session with Prevent Sgt. Peter Allen speaking.

To support Hate Crime Awareness Week, Horsham District Council is working in partnership with Sussex Police to run a FREE Hate Crime Awareness Session specifically for voluntary and community groups working with the young, elderly, disabled or vulnerable. The session is on Wednesday 17th October from 10:30 – 12:30 at the Capitol Theatre in Horsham.

To register your place **please email Sharon on [sharon.cadman@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.cadman@horsham.gov.uk) before Wednesday 10 October**. Places are limited so booking is essential.

With kind regards,  
Debra

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### 4.10.2018 E-mail from HDC

“Hello all,

Thank you for expressing your interest in the Year of Culture flag!

I have attached the design for the flag and the current spots that are interested.

We are offering to pay **50%** off the price for the flag which brings it down to **£50.75**.

Please let me know if you are still interested, details of the flags is below:

**1 x Double Sided Digitally Printed Flag Size: size 1000mm x 700mm Material: Knitted polyester Print and Coverage.**

Kind regards,

**George Reynhart**

Marketing and Communications Apprentice

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**NB – No registration of interest was made/can be found in RPC records.**

**4.10.2018 E-mail from HDC - Reminder: Warnham Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Consultation**

“Dear stakeholder,

*This email is a reminder that you have until 5pm on Friday 12 October to make a representation on the Warnham Neighbourhood Development Plan 2017 – 2031.*

*If you wish to make a representation then please do so online [here](#) or by the [comment form](#) which you can send to [neighbourhood.planning@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhood.planning@horsham.gov.uk) or in writing to: Neighbourhood Planning Officer, Horsham District Council, Parkside, Chart Way, North Street, Horsham, RH12 1RL.*

*If you wish to see hard copies available for inspection upon request between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday at Horsham District Council offices; Parkside, Chart Way, North Street, Horsham, RH12 1RL and at Horsham Library, Lower Tanbridge Way, Horsham, RH12 1PJ between Monday and Friday between 9am and 7pm and Saturday between 9am to 5pm. Copies are also available for inspection at Warnham Village Stores, Church Street, Warnham RH12 3QP Sunday between 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday and Sunday 8am to 12pm. Inspection is also available at The Sussex Oak, Church Street, Warnham RH12 3QW between 11am and 11pm Monday to Saturday and 11am to 10:30pm on Sunday.*

Yours faithfully,

**Gavin Curwen**

Neighbourhood Planning Officer

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**5.10.2018 E-mail from HDC**

“Dear all,

*The next JAG meeting of Sussex Police, HDC, WSCC and other relevant agencies is taking place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October. If you have any issues you would like the group to discuss, please complete the online form here [http://ebusiness.horsham.gov.uk/outreach/COM\\_JAG.ofm](http://ebusiness.horsham.gov.uk/outreach/COM_JAG.ofm) by Friday 12th October.*

Recently the group has helped to tackle a number of local issues brought to their attention at JAG meetings, including:

**Issue**

ASB was taking place in Pulborough including vandalism, door knocking, shoplifting, fire-setting and verbal abuse. This was being instigated by young people aged 11- 17 and it is believed this behaviour was related to cannabis and alcohol use. As a result, community tension was high. The neighbourhood wardens ran diversionary activities and Acceptable Behaviour Contracts were issued but it had little effect on behaviour.

**Outcome**

HDC's ASB team asked the relevant housing association to issue a warning to the parents of the offending youths. Activity has now ceased.

**Issue**

Youths were gathering in an area in Horsham with the purpose of buying and using drugs.

**Outcome**

The area was added as a local 'hot spot' at a police intelligence meeting, which resulted in regular patrols. Neighbourhood Watch checked if there were any Neighbourhood Watch Schemes / Coordinators in the area, so intelligence could be collated.

The JAG meetings are a great way of getting local issues before a range of agencies that can deal with them, so please do send in your reports.

Kind regards  
Sharon"

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**5.10.2018 E-mail from Guildford Road parishioner supporting the VELO-event.**

**5.10.2018 E-mail regarding training for Tree Wardens – not applicable to Rudgwick**

**8.10.2018 E-mail with attached invitation for public consultation event on Tuesday 16 October at Rudgwick Hall 3-7 pm from Saxon Weald. (circulated to councillors)**

**8.10.2018 Communication from parishioner opposing the VELO-event. (information provided to Chairman)**

**Clerk's announcements/delegated decisions:**

- Letter inviting Mr G Chipp, Chief Executive HDC, to speak at RPC Annual Parish Meeting 9 March 2019 has been sent. (NB Mr G Chipp has accepted invitation.)
- Halls and Recreation Meeting Scheduled for 22 October.
- Finance, Policies and Human Resource Meeting scheduled for 26 November.
- BT has consented to credit £744 to our account – the increased costs of the new plans for the 24 month contracts for Rudgwick Hall and Jubilee Hall. Contracts are now in the name of Rudgwick Parish Council.
- Grastex has commenced with the work on the KGV building carpark (4.10)
- KGV roof repair is to start 8.10.2018.

- Litter Volunteers are having a litter event later this month – RPC Street/Litter Warden is in charge. Equipment is being ordered.
- Annual Portable Appliance Test has been undertaken in both Jubilee Hall and Rudgwick Hall – electric kettle and paper shredder (RH) failed and to be replaced.
- Saxon Weald is holding a consultation event at Rudgwick Hall for the proposed building on their site (currently six condemned bungalows) – further information forwarded.



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- Council is represented at the advance viewing and opening of the new leisure centre “The Bridge” in Broadbridge Heath on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.
- Parishioner has reported injury sustained by her two dog(s) when walking at Churchman’s Meadow. Open Space Warden and Clerk have investigated area – nothing to report. As the walk was also across private land neighbouring CM, injury may well be sustained there.
- Parishioner reported a male taking photographs of children playing at Churchman’s Meadow Playground – reported to the police 8.10.2018.
- Churchman’s Meadow Playground has been completed – Clerk has reported unsatisfactory safety flooring installation to Kompan – site visit on Wednesday 10 October. Playground is safe to be played on although may become very muddy when there is wet weather.
- RoSPA post installation to be booked for Churchman’s Meadow Playground at a cost of £390 +VAT) when safety flooring issue is addressed.