

Shepway District Council
Planning and Building Control
Civic Centre
Castle Hill Avenue
Folkestone

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ERECTION OF 2 TWO STOREY DWELLINGS AND ASSOCIATED PARKING
At:
LAND REAR 2 WILLOP CLOSE, DYMCHURCH, KENT

APPLICATION NUMBER – Y16/1221/SH

Dear Sir/Madam,

We strongly object to development of the above land for the following reasons:

In 1990 this garden was refused development by S.D.C. (90/0660/SH and 90/1024/SH), subsequently this was referred to the Planning Inspectorate, who upheld the refusal for the following quoted reasons:

‘I consider the main issues for me to determine, in this case are, first the implications for neighbours living conditions, with particular reference to noise and disturbance and secondly, to effect on the safety and free flow of traffic on Hythe Rd (A259), from the use of the proposed access’

The Inspector concluded that because of the rise in the road from the Dymchurch direction, the view of oncoming traffic was badly compromised, and any additional traffic using the junction would be seriously detrimental to highway safety on Hythe Rd, and because of the limited length and width of the driveway, trade and service vehicles would be tempted to park on the main rd. Since 1990 traffic on the A259 has only increased, (accidents and near misses are not unknown).

Our other important concerns are:

1. Insufficient capacity to sewer systems. This is already a problem for some residents.
2. Loss of natural ground drainage by building over most of the garden area with housing and associated parking.
3. Existing water pressure would be insufficient to supply more development. Again, this is already a problem.
4. Loss of natural habitat for wildlife.
5. With the development of 1,060 new houses being built at nearby Martello Lakes, and the proposed circa 12,000 homes, schools etc in a new ‘Garden Town’ at Lympne/Westenhanger, three miles away, and the associated problems that this will inevitably cause, it is surely unnecessary for the ‘Garden Grab’ this represents?
6. Lastly, although it does not alter our objections to any development, the proposed height of the two houses is out of all proportion to surrounding properties, especially the original bungalows built in the 1920’s and 30’s.

Sincerely,