

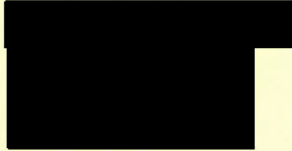
MIMS DAVIES MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

Charlotte Glancy - Programme Officer



5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Ms Glancy

I write on behalf of my constituents, represented by the community group SOFLAG (South of Folders Lane Action Group), in respect of Action Point 21 on sites SA12 & SA13 of the Mid Sussex District Council Site Allocations DPD.

Having met with representatives of SOFLAG in the summer to listen to their real concerns I support the points they have brought to me about the suitability of these sites as outlined below:

- *The sites are unsustainable and contravene planning policy because*
  - *it would cause unacceptable harm to the setting of the National Park*
  - *it would lead to the loss of a precious greenfield site with rich and irreplaceable biodiversity*
  - *it would lead to coalescence between Burgess Hill and the villages to the South.*

In addition, I concur with their conclusion that these sites could be removed from Site Allocations DPD without making the document unsound as there are sufficient alternatives detailed within the proposals.

I am also fully aware that the SDNPA have expressed deep concern that Sites SA12 and SA13 cannot accommodate this development, indicating that 'to build 350+ houses on these sites would cause unacceptable harm to the setting of the National Park.'

Mid Sussex District Council have worked diligently to provide a suitable Site Allocations DPD that works to protect the community whilst bringing forward appropriate housing sites. These particular sites do however run contrary to this with significant new challenges for access, the proximity to the National Park and incursion into crucial green gaps between communities.



Mims Davies MP

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