MM60:  Land East and West of Malthouse Lane, Hurstpierpoint

Along with the objections to MM60 being voiced by our Malthouse Lane neighbours, with which we totally concur, we are particularly concerned about the impact on the local landscape and the surrounding countryside, as well as the threatened coalescence of the small historic village of Hurstpierpoint with the fast growing town of Burgess Hill.

Hurstpierpoint's population of around 7,000 is one-fifth of that of Burgess Hill.

The village, which was mentioned in the Domesday Book, has a rich history and is a popular tourist attraction. It has a single main street, a series of picturesque Georgian houses, and a Norman church redesigned in the 1840s by the architect Sir Charles Barry who also designed the rebuilding of the Houses of Parliament.

Hurstpierpoint's Danny House, a Grade I listed Elizabethan mansion at the foot of Wolstonbury Hill, is regarded as one of the finest stately houses in Sussex, and was the temporary wartime home of Prime Minister David Lloyd George.

Our own home for the past 40 years, a listed watermill,  was built in 1768. However, a mill on the same land was recorded in the Domesday Book. The current mill stands in five acres of land with an abundance of trees, shrubs and wildlife.

A section of The Herrings Stream, which marks the boundary for the MM60 development, runs through the mill's land.

For historical interest we've attached photos of sections of the mill's conveyance documents dated 9th October 1812.

It would be tragic if such an iconic area of Sussex landscape was blighted by the implementation MM60.

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