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Mrs Shephard,

I am writing to you in relation to the proposed appeal regarding the Land to the south west of Strand Meadow APP/U1430/W/19/322824. I appreciate that you are very busy and appeals are taking 3 to 4 months to get validated. However in this circumstance as the Local Planning Authority we ask that you please note our concerns about the proposed appeal when Rother District Council submit their views on this case. Obviously when the Inspectorate are considering their views on the most appropriate appeal procedure they would consider the views of the LPA.

After a recent meeting with the Burwash Planning Committee they have asked me to ensure both the LPA and the Inspectorate are notified that the Parish Council would expect that this case is heard either by a hearing or an inquiry. It is a controversial site within the village and one as you will be aware the Parish Council has never viewed this site to be suitable for development. In Rother's own Core Plan you originally stated that this site should only have 17 houses built on it. This was then, in 2017, increased to 30 with a promise of 12 affordable homes from the developer. The Parish Council still objected to the site as being unsuitable. Now when the full application has been received in 2018 all the affordable homes have been removed due to the 'unviability' of the site. I raise this point as Robert Banks, for Save our Fields, has clearly laid out all of the other reasons why this appeal should be heard either at a hearing or inquiry and it seems unnecessary to reiterate everything in his letter.

The Parish Council would however like to highlight two keys things:

1. This application was unanimously turned down by Rother's own Planning Committee
2. The level of objections from residents

Taking all of these things into account we would ask officers of our LPA and the Planning Inspectorate to ensure the correct procedure is chosen for all parties to have a fair representation during the appeal in either a hearing or inquiry.

Kindest regards,

Ijon Jenner
Chair of Burwash Planning Committee
On Behalf of the Burwash Planning Committee