Tim Loughton M.P.
East Worthing and Shoreham



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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Our Ref: TPL/CJFM/1511/10



15th November, 2011

Head of Planning,
Adur District Council,
Civic Centre,
Ham Road,
Shoreham by Sea,
West Sussex BN43 6PR.

Dear Sir,

West Street Nursery, Sompting , Lancing, West Sussex
APP/Y3805/A/10/2136882/NWF

I and many of my constituents are against the appeal proposals in the above references. My view has not changed since the original application, and the objections made by myself, councillors and the Save Our Sompting Group, are summarised as follows:-

- This represents a massive over-development of a small village. The proposed 36 dwellings will dominate the old part of the village to the south of the A27 and will tower over existing properties on West Street, which will seriously undermine the privacy of existing tenants.

- The development would encroach largely on undeveloped green fields which provide pasture and stabling for horses and wildlife. It is also in the strategic gap and development here, would present a dangerous precedent for filling in further the green spaces between Worthing and Sompting.

- The area around West Street has been the victim of serious flooding in recent years. The development of the proposed buildings would exacerbate this as well as being prone to flooding themselves, which would go against the policies already followed locally by the Environment Agency.

- The proposed development is in a conservation zone and does not fit in with the character of this historic village.

- The area is already seriously affected by congestion and the addition of up to a further 100 vehicles will exacerbate an already intolerable situation, and will, undoubtedly, threaten total gridlock. It is also difficult to see how the traffic will be able to exit the proposed new development safely, given the existing hazardous position on Church Lane.

Overall, I believe that granting permission for this development, or anything approaching it, will seriously undermine the quality of life for residents in this historic part of Sompting village. It would also set a dangerous precedent for further development elsewhere in Adur and Worthing in an already densely populated part of the south coast where the infrastructure is creaking in defiance of existing policies on strategic gaps and conservation zones.

In the circumstances, I strongly urge you to reject the appeal and I would be happy to provide further evidence if so required.

Yours faithfully,

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Tim Loughton, MP