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To: Programme Officer
Subject: Reasons to abandon Tenterden housebuilding.

Attachments: SN850814.JPG; SN851297.JPG; img003.bmp; img002.bmp; img001.bmp; SN850242.JPG

Hello Lynn,

The abandonment of the Regional Spatial Strategy is brilliant. The proposed Tenterden Southern extension is the utmost example of why the new government saw it necessary to abolish it.

(1).....To highlight this it is necessary for me to attach an appeal refusal document (img 001,002,003) in which one of your inspector colleagues appointed by the Secretary of State has spelt out the enormous impact just ONE house would have on Tenterden!! On the very 'same' spot you have been asked to allow HUNDREDS!

Paragraph 8 states "DEVELOPMENT ON THE OUTSKIRTS WOULD CHANGE THE CHARACTER OF THE APPROACH TO THE TOWN" and "I CONSIDER THAT THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WOULD HAVE AN UNACCEPTABLY HARMFUL IMPACT ON THE TRANSITION BETWEEN THE BUILT DEVELOPMENT AND THE COUNTRYSIDE". Those were your colleagues words and not mine. It will be a disaster if this development goes ahead.

(2).....Again, on this 'very same spot to which the appeal letter refers' in front of 'Windy Ridge', I have attached two photos of the community enjoying the weekly 'dog training sessions' that take place every Sunday at Midday. The fact that they endure the pouring rain to attend these classes is testament to the popularity and enjoyment they get from this.(SN851297,SN850814)

(3).....Tenterden is unique that this can happen so close to the High Street along Six Fields Path near the little bridge over the stream, this footpath being designated 'mobility walk' so wheelchair users can enjoy this spot being so close to the High Street. Until about a month ago there was a sign on the side of Webbs Ironmongers pointing the way to this but it looks like it was vandalised so it would be nice if this was replaced.

(4).....To the east of Six Fields Path there is the infant/primary school playing field where they held their sports day last week. For these children and their mums it is another very rare and unique pleasure to be able to play in a playground with such 'outstanding' views across open countryside. To put hundreds of houses ABBUTTING this playground is surely CRIMINAL. Who in Ashford Council could ever propose WRAPPING NEW BUILDINGS AND A ROAD AROUND THIS PLAYGROUND and literally robbing every young child of the delights of the views over Tenterden's surrounding countryside during playtime.(SN850242)

(5).....It is proposed to join 'Recreation Ground Road' with 'Smallhythe Road'. Who thought that one up. At the top of Recreation Ground Road there are traffic lights joining the High Street. It is already 'choked' with traffic leading from (a) Ivy Court Doctors Surgery-this is like a mini hospital.

(b)Tenterden Liesure Centre.

(c)The Tenterden Infant School.

To open this road up to through traffic will be putting 'Childrens lives at risk'. At present only 'slow moving traffic can go past this school because it is at the end of a safe 'Cul de Sac'. The same applies to the very large number of 'old people' who visit the doctors in electric wheelchairs. Imagine how the location of the proposed development would put these children and pensioners 'at risk' if it became a 'main through road to all traffic'. (Only a couple of years ago an old lady was crushed by a lorry when she was crossing the main A28 road at the junction of Recreation Ground Road).

If it is decided to ignor reason (1) above why this proposed development should not go ahead on the south side of the town, and access is allowed from Smallhythe Road then at least minimise the above damage by CONSERVING everything 'East' of Six Fields Path as a boundary line, this will at least stop (2),(3),(4),(5) so that the only development is on the 'West side of Six Fields Path near Tesco's and halt Phase B entirely.

Regards,
David Taylor