

I would like to object to the above planning application due to the increased flood risk to 19 properties to the south of A27 on Lumley Road West Sussex, the eighteen of these properties are in West Sussex and one is in Hampshire.

The 19 properties are located in close proximity to a man made overflow river channel, a branch of the River Ems, the lower river Ems has been subject to fluvial and estuarine flooding under extreme conditions several times in the past. However, taking into account the effects of climate change on sea levels and weather, it is known the flood risk is expected to increase significantly in the future, detailed modelling has already confirmed this. I believe the planning application should be deferred until the Environment Agency have published their full report on the entire river Ems and future plans for flood prevention, this report should be due later this year.

A severe rain storm event in June 2012 left several households in Lumley Road under surface flood water, however a catastrophic flash flood on Christmas eve in 2013 subjected all nineteen properties to internal flooding.

By building on this green field a natural flood plain that has known drainage issues you are severely increasing the chances of 19 homes houses being flooded.

Yours sincerely

