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To whom it may concern,

I write reference yet another unnecessary land grab, further decimation of our historic villages and more profiteering by manipulative developers and their cohorts.

The land and development in reference is one of countless examples of our countryside and way of life being carved up for profit and nothing more. The glossy marketing brochures and stock photos of happy families should not be allowed to mask the fact that houses are being force-fed to small villages unable to service their future inhabitants.

Since we moved to Henham (to an existing housing stock, and there is more than enough of that) development is all we have known. Roads are shut, temporary traffic lights cause tailbacks and the queues to squeeze down narrow lanes already unable to adequately service existing residents grow longer and longer. We have now been squeezed out of catchment for all of the schools and we cannot get our daughter into any class for any activity anywhere such is the demand driven by the unrelenting over development of our region.

And it would seem that the failings of UDC to produce a local plan has now given developers a Green light to lay claim to any and every field, croft and meadow they like.

You must put an end to this. We do not need anymore houses. We cannot service anymore people. Our infrastructure cannot keep up. We have taken our fair share. There must be development - we understand - but compared to the national and even regional growth rates we are having housing forced upon us at 4 and 5 times the rate of other areas. Enough is enough. Surely there is a limit to the % increase of an existing population that villages can be forced to expand by?

In the words of Mr Gove "...we need a fair way of allocating housing need that takes account changes in population". What we have seen locally thus far is not fair and it definitely does not take local population into account.

Far more importantly he went on to say "What we critically need to do is make sure we have local communities consenting to development". We do not consent. We need no more housing. Our roads cannot take more housing. Our schools can't take more children. Our services cannot provide for any more people. Not to mention the blindingly obvious issue that we are building these unwanted houses on the land that grows our food.

Enough. Please. Find somewhere else

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