

As I noted yesterday, I had some business to attend to however I have prepared the additional material I promised – attached to this email.

I have stated that I have submitted observations (and send this additional material attached) on a dual capacity, which I have tried to be absolutely clear about. I do not know whether it is necessary.

As you can see from the attached, I am concerned about four main topics, in no particular order:

1. Duty to Cooperate. As far as I can see this is a legal requirement (and it Matter 1), yet the cross-border issue between Lewes District Council and Mid Sussex Council, or indeed between East and West Sussex County Councils, has not been met in this area, as the required body (CWS&GB) does not have a remit that covers this area.
2. Distribution of New Homes and the creep of planning boundaries to allow development. This is evidenced of course by documents from the hearing web site, but it a major concern, far beyond the issue of whether, and how much, development should be permitted at Nuggets.
3. The status of Theobalds Road has now unambiguously been defined (and accepted by East Sussex) as a bridleway – it has always bene a bridleway as far as West Sussex is concerned. We want this to be incorporated into the hearings in some way and Theobalds Road to be granted the protection is has under the 2018 NPPF.
4. The issue of the simple fact that Mid and West Sussex Councils are expected to provide all the resources for all of the development carried out by East Sussex in this area, yet the Council Tax and CIL payments that will flow form these developments go to East Sussex and LDC.

On the basis of the above, I am calling for a moratorium on all new developments, until they are all resolved in terms of a proper cross-border plan, involving both Mid Sussex and Lewes District Council and residents, so that a proper integrated plan can be developed and passed by residents in the area.

I am very happy for you to decide which session or sessions you would like me to attend. I have bene asked to attend Matter 10 (“Burgess Hill”) on behalf of the Theobalds Road Residents Association but as you can see, I am also looking at the larger picture – I am not sure where this should be covered, though.

Please feel free to let me know which sessions you consider it is relevant for me to attend in either capacity identified (given that I would like to participate to cover both).

Kind Regards

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