

Cllr. Mrs M. E. Ewart  
Chairman  
Hughenden Parish Council  
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The Common  
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16th March 2010

Dear Councillor Ewart,

**Proposal to Build Rural Affordable Housing on AONB Green Belt Agricultural Land on Warrendene Road, Hughenden Valley.**

Since the release of the Hughenden Parish Council's recent announcement that affordable housing is proposed to be built on a site in Warrendene Road, Hughenden Valley, this committee has within a short period of time already received close to **100** direct responses from residents' households. Of these, a very significant proportion, **96%**, expressed opposition to this proposal. The opposition of residents was further illustrated also by a very significant proportion (upwards of **74%**) of individuals attending the Parish Council's open day and subsequently registering their views with members of the Hughenden Valley Residents Association carrying out an exit poll.

It would appear that the principle of affordable housing is not the overriding issue for many of these objectors. The great weight of negative opinion is focussed on the proposal to build on Green Belt, AONB agricultural land. The choice of the Warrendene Road site is therefore, considered to be highly inappropriate.

In view of the weight of opinion being very heavily opposed to the Warrendene Road site, Hughenden Valley Residents Association will henceforward take the position of representing the majority view, striving for the best possible outcome for all our residents.

We regret very much that the site selection was made without any meaningful consultation with this Association. Furthermore, we were very much surprised to discover that all sites considered for this development were located almost entirely around Hughenden Valley. No sites appear to have been located within or around any of the other villages comprising Hughenden Parish. This focus on Hughenden Valley and the surrounding area of Green Belt AONB causes this Association concern amounting to suspicion regarding the possible motives of the developers and the Parish Council.

Your expectation should henceforth be that Hughenden Valley Residents Association will forcibly oppose any planning submission that involves not only Warrendene Road but any site within the designated Green Belt AONB, especially if it comprises agricultural land. We

would, therefore, request that you now reconsider other locations, this time including all villages within Hughenden Parish, and determine a site more suitable and more acceptable to the local population who Hughenden Parish Council should be bound to represent.

Yours sincerely,

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**Chairman, Hughenden Valley Residents Association**

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