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Subject: Objections to Robertsbridge Village Plan 12943

I am a resident of the High Street Robertsbridge and my garden backs onto the proposed development of the vicarage land.

I will try to be brief!

My main objection to this development is that it is potentially ruining the very heart of our historic village on a very high site which towers over the existing lovely listed buildings with associated very bad access which will destroy the character of the very pretty village lane which is packed with parked cars.

1) Access. There is a huge gradient up from Fair Lane and the proposed entrance would mean removing a hedgerow and totally altering the character of the lane. At present the council rubbish trucks have problems with access as there are so many parked cars on a very narrow lane and would have trouble entering the proposed site.

2) Flooding. The site is so high and our houses on the High Street are on a very long gradient down and there are problems already when there is heavy rain at our back doors. We have already removed 3 patio areas in our garden and installed some pipework to help with this problem so concreting over large areas at the site will be very bad for this problem.

3) The problems associated with even more cars using Fair Lane is very bad for highway safety with the narrow pavement. If the houses are for older people although the development is in the heart of the village the steep slope down to the shops etc would be very difficult for them especially carrying shopping back to their houses. Parking is a bad problem in Robertsbridge and with even more cars at the centre of the village it would be very bad.

4) The site has many beautiful old trees which would need to be preserved and of course this may be a problem with their roots in clay soil causing problems. Removing hedging at the proposed entrance to the site would destroy the pretty lane.

5) The mission hall is maintained and regularly used for services and other events - it recently had the electrics updated and should not be pulled down as fits in with the local character which a modern building would not. Similarly the present vicarage could easily be let out or turned into 2 flats to provide a housing need. It is a disgrace that it has been left empty for a couple of years.

In conclusion I feel that for the handful of new houses the site is very unsuitable as it would destroy our lovely village and cause too many problems listed above and totally unsuitable for sheltered housing.

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