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**To:** Cheryl Poole  
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Please find attached our letter with comments on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Kind regards

Catherine Griffin

27/11/2017

Dear Cheryl Poole

COMMENTS ON SALEHURST AND ROBERTSBRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SEA ENVIRONMENTAL  
REPORT CONSULTATION

General comment: We are concerned that so many Greenfield sites are being put forward within the Neighbourhood Plan, when the significant Brownfield Mill site is available. The Greenfield sites are essential in providing green spaces within the parish and contribute to its unique rural village character. Any development within this ancient village has potential for detrimental impact on the landscape.

In relation to the Vicarage Land development we express concern and object for the following reasons:

1. Highway safety would be compromised – Fair Lane is a narrow single track country lane, with existing parking and congestion problems. Development would cause further congestion including difficulties with refuse collection/deliveries.
2. Access – providing adequate access to the site would damage the character and appearance of Fair Lane. How would construction vehicles gain access without blocking the lane? The steep access would be unsuitable for elderly people and parents with prams or pushchairs.
3. Flooding – increased run-off from the developed site would pose a flooding risk to the rear of High Street houses, which have already been flooded as a result of run-off.
4. Parking – this is an ongoing problem in Fair Lane with cars parking on double yellow lines and the junction with the High Street being blocked by parked cars on a daily basis. Any additional vehicles would exacerbate the problems.
5. The special character and appearance of Fair Lane and surrounding Listed Buildings and Conservation Area would not be safeguarded if this development was permitted. It would result in the loss of a Community building, an adequate family house (which the Diocese have allowed to remain empty) and established garden which provides a wildlife habitat.

Yours sincerely

Catherine and Edward Griffin