

Response to Policies HB9 and HB10 in Draft Local Plan Regulation 19

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HB9 Land at Home farm, Strode Park

The proposal HB9 is one that residents have suggested would cause further challenges in Lower Herne Road and add huge pressure to the village of Herne, which is already struggling with increased traffic, unauthorised lorry traffic and poor road surface. Many residents are worried that 200 new homes on this proposed site at Home Farm would increase congestion and would add to the feeling that Herne is losing its village status as these proposals join up with the large existing Strode Farm development and merge into neighbouring Greenhill and the rest of Herne Bay. This development is not justified due to its positioning and proximity to other developments and removal of one of the last green spaces in Herne up to the Thanet Way. It is important to consider the concerns of residents about the impact on infrastructure, including roads and water, access to NHS care, green spaces and village status. Therefore, the impact of the pressure that would be placed on the local area outweighs the justification for housing in this location as this number of homes could be slotted into a larger development where they will meet housing number whilst avoiding damage to the village of Herne.

HB10 Land West of Bullockstone Road

The proposal for housing in HB10 is one that residents have suggested will cause additional stress on infrastructure that is already struggling to cope with the developments currently being built close by. Residents in Herne are being overwhelmed with new developments and have already incorporated 2,000 homes on the Lower Herne Village site which is still being built, therefore further development here is not justified.

Please note that I am happy to speak with the inspector as part of this process.