Ringmer Parish Council Newsletter – February 2024

Planning News – Lewes Local Plan Consultation

Residents will be aware of the new housing developments in Caburn Field and off Bishops Lane. There are three other developments within the village with planning permission that will deliver a further 221 homes. There are also two other active applications that will deliver a further 168 homes. It is tempting to ask when the development will stop, given that aspects of the village infrastructure cannot properly cope with the current demands.

The Lewes Local Plan will determine where future development will take place. The draft proposals show that there may be a significant development that may double the size of the village. Much of the land earmarked for development lies to the north of the Lewes Road. Lewes District Council organised a meeting in the Village Hall on 17th January 2024 to explain their draft plan and answer resident's questions. The overwhelming view of those residents attending the meeting was dismay at the proposed development of the village.

We have an opportunity to express our opinion on the Local Plan during the consultation period which ends at noon on 19th February 2024. The Local Plan can be found on-line at;

https://planningpolicyconsult.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/LDC_PO_2023

Within the draft plan following each section are a series of questions that may be answered giving your opinion on the proposals. Your responses can be delivered on-line, by email or by post, all details of how to respond are included on the website. The Parish Council would urge all residents to look at these proposals and respond to Lewes District Council before the deadline as a matter of urgency. There will be guidance available in the next few days to help you with your responses.

There is an email address: localplan@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk

There is also the postal address:

Lewes District Council, c/o Eastbourne Borough Council, Town Hall, Grove Road, Eastbourne, BN214UG.

You may also wish to express your opinions on the draft Local Plan proposals to our three LDC councillors, who may be contacted by email:

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