

## **25/02815/OUT Land East Of Ecchinswell Road Bishops Green Hampshire**

ESBG Parish Council reviewed the above planning application at their Extra-ordinary meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> January, with 12 members of the public present who wanted to express their views, overwhelmingly in objection to this planning application. Councillors unanimously agreed to **STONGLY OBJECTION** to this planning application, as it goes against numerous of the NP Policies, as detailed in the checklist which you can see here.

Further to this, Cllrs discussed and agreed the following objections to add to the NP list:

- BDBC Draft Local Plan has assessed there is no housing need in Bishops Green and assigned ZERO houses to this area.
- Bishops Green is classified as a settlement of low sustainability under many B&D BC Policies and is therefore unsuited to any further significant development.
- Wildlife and environment in the area - a bird conservation project in the area has identified 96 different species, 18 of which are on the RED list.
- A 42 house development was granted before the Neighbourhood Plan was made; this is now in the final stages of build. The increased traffic with this new development will produce serious issues with the roads. There are pinch points for traffic on every exit from the area and any further development will exacerbate this already difficult problem.
- The main road (A339) is already overused, crowded and not fit for the traffic that uses it. With another large development already being developed on this road (in West Berkshire, but only 1 mile away), this is going to make this situation much worse.
- There is a noticeable increase in the number of sewage tankers on the roads, the sewage infrastructure is already inadequate as Thames Water try to manage this excess. Thames Water have objected to this application.

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