

THE HANDCROSS ACTION GROUP



Important information about our Village

Dear Neighbour,

We need to update you regarding the publication of the latest Neighbourhood Plan for Slaugham Parish, published on 13th November 2017. We write to inform you of important proposals which may have a serious influence on the lifestyle we currently enjoy living in this quiet rural locale. You may recall the last time the Parish Council submitted a Neighbourhood Plan (2014) with a plan to build 74 houses in St Martin Close which was rejected by the Inspector at the examination stage. Regrettably, we have to advise you that the new plan still includes proposals to build more houses- this time with up to 65 houses at St Martin Close, twice as many houses as there are now.

Most people support the need for a Neighbourhood Plan and accept that much of the new plan is a worthy document. However, the area housing requirements have already been met by other building proposals, so there is no need or requirement for any more houses to be built around St Martin Close.

Mid Sussex District Council has also confirmed that Slaugham Parish will not be expected to contribute further housing to make up the district quota. However, the Parish Council has elected to build above this quota requirement.

So what can we do? We need EVERYONE's support:- Please help!

If you wish to object to these building proposals (Policy 11 and Policy 12 in the Plan) please let the Parish Council know by;

- (1) Sending an email to: spcnhp@slaughampc.co.uk From individuals, not a household (a template is available from handcross.action@gmail.com)
- (2) Writing a letter to the Parish clerk at; The Clerk, Slaugham Parish Council, 2 Coltstaple Cottages, Coltstaple Lane, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 9BB

We object to Policies 11 & 12 in the plan for the following reasons;

- Additional traffic in West Park Road, Frazer Walk and St Martin Close
- there is insufficient infrastructure or room for so many houses on these sites.
- Distance to the school, doctors and other amenities.
- The quota of houses already met-there is no need for any more houses
- Danger to our children from more cars and other vehicles (it could be 75 more cars)
- Loss of our environment and countryside

The deadline is 8th January 2018. Please react now!

Who we are:- Handcross Action Group is an informal group of concerned Handcross Residents, please contact us at handcross.action@gmail.com **Please pass this information on.**