

## Planning North

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I strongly object to this application.

It is a monstrous over development of a narrow field site, dominating and over shadowing the centre of this hamlet. Restricted access to a narrow lane with poor lateral views, especially with the foliage of summer. There is a totally inadequate water supply from the Roman Winter Borne. This borne, heavily stressed, will reduce the use as a sea trout spawning ground. It will become vulnerable to any spillage from the sturgeon farm. The mass of water in the ponds on a steep slope is a potential danger to stream, road and houses as weathering takes it's toll of ponds and bunds. Excavation of the ponds and use of land drains will seriously disrupt the water table and sub-surface flow which will badly affect the mature trees and shrubs of neighbouring gardens, particularly that of Burrells. The massive avenue of Lime trees (up to 30m high) will also affect water flow and completely over shadow neighbouring sites; Lime is not a typical Sussex native tree, it is also notorious for aphid infestation. The four adjacent houses,(two of which are 'Listed') are veteran Sussex properties without substantial foundations used to seasonal flexing and real disturbance of sub-surface water supply will have a devastating effect. The proposed buildings will be too obvious an intrusion on the landscape and visible from the South Downs National Park and Chiltington House. Much has been said about the ecology in this week of The State of Nature Report and adverse details of farming on wildlife. It must be pointed out that this proposal is of a dense Monoculture Farming, not typical of Sussex and Weald agriculture, it adversely restricts the free movement of wildlife to and from the Downs to Central Weald. The security fencing is even more of a barrier. No note of reclamation has been made if the scheme should fail, Who bears the cost?

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