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Subject: Sandhills Greenbelt

Dear Councillor Cooper

As you may be aware, there is great opposition to the proposed development on the greenbelt land in Sandhills (Strat 13), and an impending “rat-run” this would create through our garden estate. The development of extortionately priced houses on the small bit of green space we have available to us is not welcomed by the community, the wildlife nor the children that thrive on having such space so close by. The rat-run of a road that is proposed to come through Sandhills is absolutely terrifying. Our roads barely handle the local traffic – there is currently one way in and one way out. A through road in Sandhills would jeopardise the footfall around here. Children walking to the school, riding their bikes safely around, would all be at risk. It seems this plan is in complete opposition to the Liveable Streets initiative of the County Council – they are putting bollards up in places to make Liveable streets for communities like ours, yet here we are with the threat of having our own liveable street taken away. Just recently, there was a traffic incident outside the local school where a child was hit – an unliveable street would only increase to such incidents.

These strange times of 2020 have proven we need accessible green spaces (that we don’t have to drive to) for both physical and mental health. A Quote from the Mental Health First Aid guide

“People who are born & live in urban environments appear to be more likely to develop schizophrenia than people who live in the country” People without access to outdoor spaces in this time are proving to suffer greatly mentally

<https://www.health.org.uk/news-and-comment/blogs/emerging-evidence-on-covid-19s-impact-on-mental-health-and-health>

We all feel so frustrated to be continually fighting for this need – against what appears to be a done deal. We haven’t seen nor heard from any of the councillors, and we seriously doubt the inspector even bothered to visit the place and speak to people. We feel a bit abandoned but we are really hoping, the Councillors we elected will listen to us, understand our plight and help fight our corner.

Kind regards

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